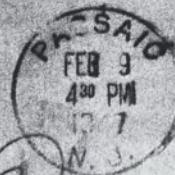


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Dear Robert,

Please forgive me that I have not written sooner, but I have been very busy. It was a real treat to hear from you and to hear of your interest in our Club.

We will have Church Services on March 2 in the Cathedral at 3 P.M. after that we generally go to the Catholic Community Center on Main St., where we have a little meeting. If you can't come then, our next get-together will be in the Club Rooms at the Community Center on Wednesday night at 8 P.M., March 19.

Please give my best regards

to your family. With best
wishes for God's choicest
blessings, I remain

Yours old friend
Father Mulcahy

HISTORY OF THE
CATHOLIC DEAF SOCIETY OF THE
DIOCESE OF PATERSON

Three years after Most Rev. Thomas H. McLaughlin, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, was appointed the first Bishop of the newly established Diocese of Paterson, he directed that there should be an apostolate for the deaf in the diocese, too. So His Excellency appointed Rev. Dennis A. Hayes, then of Clifton, Chaplain to the Deaf on December 18, 1940.

Although a novice in this particular field of work, Father Hayes accepted the challenge of this assignment. His determination led him to Mr. George S. Taylor, a well-known public-spirited citizen of Passaic who was known to have befriended the deaf and learned their sign language. With the help of Mr. Taylor, Father Hayes started a census of the deaf. As a result, on March 17, 1941 thirty-three deaf persons responded to the new chaplain's invitation to gather at the Chancery Hall, 24 De Grasse Street, Paterson for the organizational meeting to set the deaf apostolate in motion officially. They decided to name the club the Catholic Silent Club of the Diocese of Paterson, though it was made clear that it would be open to all the deaf of all faiths for all kinds of recreation. Miss Theresa Leitner of Paterson was elected the first president. Mr. Taylor held the post as the club's chief adviser and public relations director until his death in 1961.

So astounding was the progress of this new association both in spiritual and temporal affairs that it was finally decided to move the meeting place to the Catholic Community Center, 395 Main Street, Paterson, in 1946 shortly after the celebration of the Fifth Anniversary of the organization, to accommodate growth in interest and activity. Rev. Andrew Molnar, then of Passaic, was already in charge of the apostolate of the deaf; Father Hayes having been appointed superintendent of the Diocesan Schools in 1943. Rev. Joseph Gallo of Paterson was now associate moderator of the deaf.

It was during this time when Bishop McLaughlin approved of the desire of the association, now known as the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson, to take upon itself the challenging responsibility to launch a drive for a Catholic School for the Deaf in northern New Jersey. The bishop cooperated with them all he could and so did his successors, Bishop Thomas A. Boland and Bishop James A. McNulty — for the drive was that extending.

After many years of traveling all over the diocese soliciting funds at the church doors during Mass hours on Sundays with the permission of those good pastors who understood the need for such project, and instituting other methods of fund-raising which also spurred contributions from a good number of Catholic organizations for the deaf in the country, the drive committee was forced to suspend their work for the time being when they realized that the costs in living and in building were spiraling higher and higher all the time which rendered the prospect for a school for the deaf less and less feasible. Also there were other problems, mostly attributable to the trend of the times, to limit the efforts of the drive committee. At the advice of Bishop Boland to protect the funds, the Society became incorporated in August, 1954.

March 26, 1950 marked the inaugural of the work of Rev. Louis Gallo for the deaf in Morris County. Seventeen persons responded to his call to organize a club for the deaf patterned after that of Paterson. They met in St. Virgil's School Hall, Morris Plains, and called themselves the Bishop McLaughlin Deaf Society. Miss Frances Ognibene of this town was their first president. The unit has completed admirably the work of the parent group, notably in the fund-raising drive for the school.

The zeal of the deaf of the diocese was such that they also helped to contribute their influence toward the setting-up of another Catholic organization for the deaf in another city, though not in the same diocese.

The Paterson Society became a chapter of the International Catholic Deaf Association in 1951 and the Morris County unit followed suit in 1956. The Paterson Chapter was honored when the ICDA voted John D. Carroll of Morristown president three times. Both chapters have been and are still generous with donations to the ICDA Mission Fund to help the apostolic works of the deaf elsewhere. In 1959 the Paterson Chapter hosted a bowling tournament inviting ICDA chapters in the East for competition.

In January 1955 Rev. Thomas J. Trapasso was appointed Diocesan Director of the Deaf while Father Joseph Gallo remained associate moderator, as he had an important post in the diocesan set-up to keep him busy enough. After nine years of using the Catholic Community Center as their headquarter for all kinds of activities, the Catholic Deaf Society moved to the Blessed Sacrament Parish in Paterson where Father Trapasso was a curate, to facilitate his work with the deaf. There the deaf continued to pursue their ambitious program. It was while there when the Society served notice to Bishop James J. Navagh that they considered themselves a vital part of the diocese. They responded to his special appeal to support the fund-raising campaign for a minor seminary and additional Catholic high schools in the diocese with the pledge of \$360 and they had paid the amount in full.

It was a great blessing upon the Society when God saw fit to call one of the members, though deaf, to embrace the religion life at about that time. Patricia A. Patrovits of Paterson became Sister M. Lorraine of the Precious Blood community in Colombia, Pa. She will take the final vow this coming summer.

As was inevitable, Father Trapasso became a pastor. He had to take the pastorate at St. Gerard Majella Church in Paterson. The Society followed him there. It was there when the Catholic deaf made their ecumenical spirit manifest by inviting Rev. C. Roland Gerhold, a Lutheran chaplain to the deaf in New Jersey, to address them at their center in 1966.

After about three years in the St. Gerard parish, Father Trapasso had to be transferred to be the pastor of a large church in Passaic. Since then, the St. Nicholas' Center in that church has become a hub for the deaf of the diocese.

The latest step the Society is taking to keep with its aims and purposes for the advancement of the welfare and education of deaf children is to conduct a census of deaf children in the diocese. The census will help the Society to determine if the number of deaf children in the diocese is to justify a special project they are planning for them in lieu of a proposed school for the deaf they were forced to drop. After all, the funds raised those years were only for the benefit of deaf children's educational training.

No matter where they are held, the annual Communion Breakfasts of the Society always draw a good crowd, especially because of the inspiring presence of the bishops; the latest being Bishop Lawrence Casey, to show the Church's keen interest in the deaf. Christmas dinners are always in demand for the annual program. Socials are often held to help various charitable causes in response to appeals. Summer outings are popular, too.

Those who have served the Society as President since its inception, are: Miss Theresa Leitner (5 years), Joseph Farley, Rocco DiNapoli, Miss Mary Shinko, Robert Queenan (12), Russell Dundon (2), Mrs. Anna Potoczak and Edward Smolen (6).

This is how, busy with our hands, hearts and minds, we have tried to carry out the Society program to its fullest for the past thirty years. May the Divine Guidance remain with us for many more years to come!

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THOMAS H. McLAUGHLIN, D.D., S.T.D.,

Bishop of Paterson and, Founder and Benefactor of
the Catholic Silent Club of the Diocese of Paterson

My dear Friends:

It affords me great pleasure to express to you my sincere congratulations on the Fifth Anniversary of the founding of your Organization.

I feel that special praise should be given at this time to all those who joined the Catholic Silent Club of the Diocese of Paterson when it was under the supervision of the Reverend Denis A. Hayes, and later when the Reverend Andrew J. Molnar undertook the work. These members are deserving of special mention because they overcame the difficulties and trials which are always associated with new ventures. It is evident from the success which the Organization has attained that God has blessed their efforts.

I would ask all the members of the Catholic Silent Club to continue the good work and to bring to the knowledge of those who may be served by your Organization the work which you are doing. This work affords you and others the opportunity of receiving a deeper instruction in the truths of religion. Jesus Christ, as you know from His many miracles, had a deep regard for those who were in a position similar to yours. In fact, when He used the word "Ephpheta" in effecting the bodily cure of one who was deaf, he indicated to the Church which still uses this word in Baptism, that there is a deafness more serious than that of the body, namely, the deafness to the voice of God which speaks to us not only through His priests but through our consciences.

I am sure that all of you are grateful to Almighty God for the advantages you have gained through membership in the Catholic Silent Club. It affords you an opportunity not only to practice your holy religion but to meet together in social intercourse under Catholic auspices.

With the prayer that God may bless you, the priests who guide you and those who assist in the work of your Organization, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ THOMAS H. McLAUGHLIN
Bishop of Paterson

*Bishop's Office,
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February 25, 1946*

37 Catholic Silent Club Members At Breakfast



ENJOYING THEMSELVES at the Communion breakfast for members of the Catholic Silent Club held yesterday in chancery hall are the following, seated left to right: Miss Theresa Leitner, president; George S. Taylor, Passaic County Health Commissioner; the Rev. George J. Haye, who conducted a retreat for members

of the club; and the Rev. Andrew J. Molnar, spiritual moderator of the club. Standing left to right, are: Richard Bowden, instructor in dactylography at St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, N. Y.; Mrs. Andrew Poilane, vice-president; Rocco DeNapoli, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Sarah Verrone, sergeant-at-arms.

Thirty-seven members of the Catholic Silent Club attended a Communion breakfast held yesterday morning in chancery hall. The breakfast, which followed the 9 o'clock Mass celebrated in Our Lady's Chapel of St. John the Baptist Cathedral, brought to a close the first retreat of the club.

At the affair, Richard Bowden, instructor in dactylography in St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, N. Y., was guest speaker. His subject concerned Catholic action and activities of the deaf in New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Brooklyn.

The Rev. Andrew J. Molnar, chaplain of the organization, and the Rev. George J. Haye, who conducted the retreat, were guests of honor at the affair.

Greetings to the guests were announced by Miss Theresa Leitner, president of the club, who offered a brief message to those present in the sign language.

Father Molnar offered a brief sermon in which he asked the members of the society to keep the viewpoints which had been given them during the retreat. He said members will not know until year from now if the retreat has been successful. If at the end of that time, Father Haye's messages still are with them, then the retreat will have been successful, he said.

Father Haye, who conducted the retreat in sign language gave sermons on the following topics: "Confession," "Eternal Truths," "Scenes from the Life of Christ," and "Our Blessed Mother."

The club during the retreat began a spiritual bouquet to present to His Excellency, the Most Rev. Thomas H. McLaughlin, bishop of Paterson, founder of the society in this diocese. Bishop McLaughlin was unable to attend the breakfast.

Mrs. Sarah Verrone was chairman of the breakfast. Passaic County Welfare Commissioner George S. Taylor served as toastmaster at the breakfast.

Officers of the organization are: Miss Theresa Leitner, Paterson, president; Mrs. Andrew Poilane, Passaic, vice-president; Rocco DeNapoli, Clifton, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Sarah Verrone, Paterson, sergeant-at-arms.

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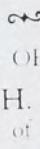


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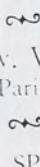


Holy Mass celebrated by His Excellency, the Most Reverend Thomas H. McLaughlin, Bishop of Paterson, in Our Lady's Chapel of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist at 8:30 A.M.



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The Most Rev. Thomas H. McLaughlin, D.D., S.T.D.
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The Rev. George Haye
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Mr. George S. Taylor



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| Toastmaster | - - - - - | Mr. George S. Taylor |
| Guest Speaker | - - - - - | Mr. John Carroll |
| Guest Speaker | - - - - - | Rev. George Haye |
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The Catholic Silent Club meets every third Wednesday evening of the month at 8:00 o'clock in the Chancery Hall.

Church Services are held each first Sunday of the month at 3:00 o'clock in Our Lady's Chapel of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson.

Jubilee Dinner



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SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 1946

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Bishop McLaughlin Speaks At Silent Club Breakfast

The Most Rev. Thomas H. McLaughlin, STD, Bishop of Paterson, founder of the Catholic Silent Club, of the Paterson Diocese, was the principal speaker yesterday, the feast of the Holy Name of Jesus, at a Communion breakfast held in St. Boniface's School hall, by the club.

Bishop McLaughlin told the members that they had a real mission in life—that through their knowledge of the sign language they could spread the word of God and carry on Christ's work among persons that the average priest is unable to do because he is not able to sign.

"The Church also has signs," said Bishop McLaughlin, "which were instituted by Christ to give grace—they are the Sacraments. Your signs are not sacramental but you can by your example and good works use your signs as an instrument to convey the Message of Christ to your deaf people."

George S. Taylor, secretary-treasurer of the Passaic County Deaf People's Commission, of St. Nicholas Church, Passaic, served as master. Members received

Holy Communion at a Mass in our Lady's Chapel of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. The Rev. Peter Ferreri, of Mount Virgin Church, Garfield, was the celebrant of the Mass after which he delivered a sermon in the sign language.

Thomas Griffen, of New York, was the principal lay speaker. Others who delivered short talks were the Rev. Andrew Molnar of St. Stephen's Church, Passaic, chaplain for the Diocesan Deaf Society, his assistant, the Rev. Joseph Gallo, of St. Michael's Church, Paterson; John Carroll, of Morristown, and the officers.

Following the breakfast Commissioner Taylor installed the newly elected staff of officers, consisting of Miss Theresa Leitner, of Paterson, president; Mrs. Andrew Poline, of Clifton, vice-president; Rocco DeNapoli, of Clifton, secretary and treasurer, and Stanley Lenner, of Paterson, sergeant-at-arms.

The Rev. Henry Velthuizen, of St. Boniface's Church, was present at the breakfast but was not before he could add his gathering.



Diocesan Chaplain of the Deaf of Paterson, N.J., Father Andrew Molnar.

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| CONGRATULATIONS - - - - - | REV. PETER FERRERI <i>Chaplain of the Mount Virgin Silent Club</i> |
| IN RETROSPECT - - - - - | REV. DENIS A. HAYES <i>First Chaplain of the Catholic Silent Club</i> |
| FELICITATIONS - - - - - | REV. STEPHEN LANDHERR <i>Chaplain of the Deaf in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia</i> |
| ADDRESS - - - - - | MR. MATTHEW HIGGINS <i>of Jersey City, N. J.</i> |
| THANKSGIVING - - - - - | REV. ANDREW J. MOLNAR <i>Chaplain of the Catholic Silent Club</i> |
| BENEDICTION - - - - - | HIS EXCELLENCY, THE MOST REVEREND THOMAS H. McLAUGHLIN, <i>Bishop of Paterson, Founder and Benefactor of the Catholic Silent Club</i> |
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Sniegocki, Viola

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Spagnola, Mrs. Benny

Spellman, Mr. and Mrs. John

Squedi, Mr. and Mrs. Angelo

Stelling, August

Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. John

Stewart, Anna

Stelling, Mrs. J.

Sachetti, Michael L.

Sciaccero, John

Stoon, Robert (3)

Stoon, Charles E.

Tennenbaum Mr. and Mrs. Max

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Thomas, Agnes

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Trimarchi, Joseph A. (2)

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Tafe, Mrs. M.
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"GOOD WORK, MR. CHAIRMAN"—The Most Rev. Thomas A. Boland, D.D., Bishop of Paterson (seated) congratulates John D. Carroll, committee chairman, on the success of the first annual dance of the Catholic Silent Club of the Paterson Diocese, Wednesday night at St. Boniface Parochial School, Paterson. Standing, left, is the Rev. Andrew Molnar, diocesan chaplain, and, behind Bishop Boland, the Rev. Joseph Gallo, diocesan chaplain.

★ A GREAT SUCCESS

To all appearances, the First Annual Ball and Entertainment sponsored by the

Catholic Silent Club—was a great success!

The affair at St. Boniface Hall on the night of November 26th, was attended by about 500 interested, enthusiastic people.

Bishop Thomas A. Boland was present and spoke to the gathering about his interest in a Catholic school for the Deaf in N.J. The Bishop spoke in glowing terms of the work that has been done for the deaf—and on the plans for the future. The Bishop showed a keen interest in furthering the education of deaf young people and in an extensive library for their use.

The Bishop also spoke about Ephphatha Magazine, saying that he has been reading it for a long time and found it most interesting. He recommended that all the deaf become familiar with it—if they are not already.

The Catholic Guild for the Deaf and

Hard of Hearing of Philadelphia—under the inspired leadership of Father Landherr—gave a performance of "Little Miss Fixit", all in the sign language. The actors were John Probst, Helen McNulty, Virginia Belsito, Patsy McGough, Helen Seibert, Ann McGrody, Terry Ahearn and Loretta Bogart. All the girls are normal in hearing and members of Father Landherr's Philadelphia Sign Class.

A Hobo Act was put on by Robert Hamel, and a dog act with Teddy Nitshke. Joseph Farley was the Master of Ceremonies.



Deaf Dance At Paterson Silent Club

500 Hear Bishop Laud Group Which Plans Special School

About 500 deaf and hard of hearing persons and their friends attended the first annual ball of the Catholic Silent Club of the Paterson Diocese Wednesday night in the auditorium of St. Boniface Parochial School, Slater and Main Streets, Paterson.

The program included several vaudeville acts, a two-act play entitled "Little Miss Fixit" and dancing to the music of Freddie Andrews and His Music Makers. Proceeds will be used to support the Catholic school for the deaf, which the club is planning for the Paterson Diocese.

The Most Rev. Thomas H. Boland, Bishop of the Diocese and honorary chairman of the dance committee, told the visitors he recognized the problems of the deaf and interested in work of the Silent Club. He praised members of the club for efforts in furthering the social and religious life of deaf persons in the Diocese. The committee presented Bishop Boland with a bouquet of flowers for his assistance to the Silent Club.

The dance committee: John D. Carroll, general chairman; John J. Nolan, Jr., secretary; Theresa Leitner, treasurer; Abe Simone, assistant treasurer; and George Taylor, publicity director. Group chairmen: Rocco DiNapoli, printing; Michael Robertielli, floor; Dante Fusaro, book donation; Charles Pergentile, tickets; Anna Busso, boosters and patrons; Mrs. Andrew Poline, prizes; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cannizzaro, refreshments; and Sophie Kresher, check room.

Hard-working Chaplain of this Club, is Father Andrew Molnar who is assisted by the equally hard-working Father Joseph Gallo.

General Chairman John D. Carroll did everything to make things run smoothly, and successfully. He was assisted by John Dolan, Theresa Leitner, Abe Simon, and George Taylor.

Rocco DiNapoli was in charge of the Printing; Michael Robertielli of the Floor; Dante Fusaro of Book Donations; Charles Pergentile of Tickets; Anna Russo of Boosters and Patrons; Mrs. Andrew Poline of the Prizes; Mrs. Sarah Verrone and Ralph Cannizzaro of Refreshments and Sophie Kresher of the Check Room. They were assisted by a large group of tireless workers who made up the various committees.

GENERAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
ON
1947 BUILDING FUND DRIVE

Incomes

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|---|-----------------|
| Special Contributions | \$ 166.47 |
| *Ads for Souvenir Program Book (Ball & Entertainment) | 495.00 |
| Boosters and Patrons..... | 224.50 |
| *Proceeds from Ball and Entertainment | 155.14 |
| *Realized from car raffle..... | <u>9,510.45</u> |
| TOTAL INCOMES | \$10,551.56 |

*Incomplete due to late returns; \$278.11 more from Ball & Entertainment, \$35 more from Ads and \$9 more from Raffle to be accounted for in the 1948 Report.

Expenses

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| Printing Bills for Ball & Entertainment | \$ 182.50 |
| Engraving Bill for Program Book | 8.50 |
| Tax Payment on Admission Tickets | 43.20 |
| Bill for Insertion of $\frac{1}{4}$ Page Adv. in K. of C. Banquet Book | 20.00 |
| License for Beer, \$10; Tax Stamp \$2.20 | 12.20 |
| Bills for Stage Play \$110.00; for Orchestra \$60.00..... | 170.00 |
| For Rental of Ball Room..... | 55.00 |
| For Refreshments, Napkins, Etc. | 46.84 61.24 |
| Tips to Janitor \$10; to Policeman \$9 | 19.00 |
| Sundry Expenses | 12.30 |
| Printing Bill for Drawing Books (for Car Raffle) | 350.00 |
| Cost for Painting Sign for Car | 14.00 |
| Stationery \$14.00; Postages \$12.00 | 26.00 |
| Card Table & Chairs for Car Committee | 20.50 |
| Gasoline for New Car | 2.20 |
| Printing Bill for Posters | 7.00 |
| 1947 Plymouth Sedan | 1,758.58 |
| Cost for Rubber Stamp | 1.30 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ 2,802.12 |
| | <u>15.32</u> |
| | 2817.44 |

Recapitulation

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1947 Incomes | \$10,551.56 |
| 1947 Expenses | <u>2,802.12</u> |
| Net Profit | \$ 7,749.44 |

The result of the First Drive is \$7,749.44 for the Catholic School for the Deaf Building Fund.

Respectfully Yours,

John D. Carroll, General Chairman

Change of Name

The Catholic Silent Club of Paterson is more—but only in name, of course—the realization that the word "Silent" did not struck very many hearing people & the meaning for either deaf or mute prompted the organization to change its name (with the permission of our bishop) to *The Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson*. Sounds better, eh...?

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Since there is but one school for the Deaf children in the entire state, our organization, which is comprised of Jews, Protestants, and Catholics alike, has been doing its utmost to raise funds for another School for the Deaf in North Jersey, a school which is direly needed.

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Please accept our sincerest thanks for your kindness.
With a grateful heart, I am

N.B. { Robert Gueuan is authorized to collect for this drive.
Yours most sincerely,
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The Benefit For Catholic School For Deaf

The second annual entertainment to raise funds for the building of a Catholic School for the Deaf in Northern New Jersey will be held at the Catholic Community Center in Paterson Friday evening, Nov. 19. His Excellency, the Most Rev. Thomas A. Boland, Bishop of Paterson, will be the guest of honor.

The Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson is the sponsor of this entertainment which will feature comedy skits furnished by deaf players and solo dancing. Marjorie Ferguson of Ruthland on the stage. Several attractive prizes will be given away to the lucky winners. Refreshments will be served.

Rocco Di Napoli of Clifton is chairman, assisted by committee chairman: Robert Queenan, Miss Theresa Leitner, Mrs. Anna Pocciazzak and Mrs. Sarah Verrone; Ralph Cannizzaro, Michael Robitello and Mrs. Theresa Poline of Clifton; and Charles Pergentile and Mrs. Margaret Carroll of Morristown. Joseph Farley of Clifton, president of the society, will be master of ceremonies. George S. Taylor, vice-president of Passaic County Welfare Board, is chairman of the advisory board.

Rev. Andrew Molnar of St. Stephen's, Passaic is the chaplain of the Catholic Deaf Society, with Rev. Joseph Gallo of St. Michael's, Clifton, and Rev. Louis Gallo of the Heart, Clifton, acting as co-chaplains.

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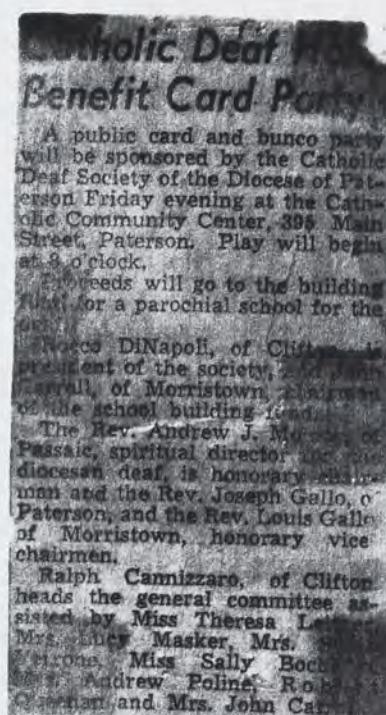
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Miss Lawlor Gets Papal Cross



MOST REV. Thomas A. Boland, Bishop of Paterson, is shown above, presenting the papal cross, "Pro Ecclesia Et Pontifice," to Miss Welhelmina Lawlor, Paterson school teacher, at services in St. Theresa's R. C. Church, yesterday. Miss Lawlor received the papal honor for her "eminent service to the Church and the Holy See."

Miss Welhelmina Lawlor, Paterson school teacher and active Catholic worker, was presented with the papal cross "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" by Most Rev. Thomas A. Boland, Bishop of Paterson. The presentation was made at the services held yesterday in St. Theresa's R. C. Church.

The papal decoration, dated Oct. 19, 1949, was bestowed on Miss Lawlor for her "eminent service to the Church and the Holy See. A leader in catechetical work in this area before it was made the Diocese of Paterson, she has been long active in Catholic work in the diocese, particularly in St. Theresa's R. C. Church.

A graduate of New York University, Miss Lawlor presently is a teacher of the orthopedic class in School No. 2.

Catholic Deaf Society Marks Anniversary

Special Services Held in Paterson; Bishop Boland Talks

Members of the Catholic Deaf Society of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Paterson observed the ninth anniversary of the society's founding yesterday afternoon at a special service in Our Lady's Chapel of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, followed by a dinner in the Chancery Hall, 24 De Grasse Street.

The Most Rev. Thomas A. Boland, Bishop of Paterson, delivered a sermon which was interpreted by the Rev. Walter Darcy, of St. Joseph's School, Bronx. The Bishop told of the meaning of Holy Year and said that Pope Pius XII had set aside Passion Sunday for prayers of peace. He said "there can be no peace without internal peace, that external peace obtained by the use of arms "is not true peace."

Bishop Boland said that failure to center our lives in God is why we say man has not only shifted from religion, but away from God". Two World Wars and a great depression were signs of the "wrath of God", said Bishop Boland.

Over 200 at Dinner

Bishop Boland was celebrant at Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, with the Rev. Andrew J. Molnar, deacon, and the Rev. Joseph Gallo, sub-deacon. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William F. Louis was master of ceremonies.

The dinner was attended by more than 200 persons. George S. Taylor, of Passaic, a member of the Passaic County Welfare Commission, was toastmaster. He was introduced by Robert Queenan, chairman of the dinner committee. Speakers were Bishop Boland, Father Darcy, Father Molnar, diocesan director for the deaf; Father Gallo, assistant director; Miss Theresa Leitner, president of the society, and Carroll, chairman of the building fund for the Catholic School.



SILENT PRAYER TO GOD—In sign language these deaf men and women of the Catholic Diocese of Paterson offer prayer at service in Paterson yesterday marking ninth anniversary of

founding of Catholic Deaf Society. Faithful heard Most Rev. Thomas A. Boland, Bishop of Paterson, by Father Walter Darcy. (Herald-News Photo).

Self Sacrifice Needed to Make Family Life Ideal, Says Bishop

Deaf of Paterson Diocese Have Communion Breakfast After Mass—Father Darcy Speaks

"Family troubles are caused mostly by pride," the most Rev. Thomas A. Boland, Bishop of Paterson, told the diocesan deaf yesterday during his sermon at the mass he celebrated at 10 o'clock, in Our Lady's Chapel of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Paterson, at the opening of a day of recollection.

Bishop Boland's Advice

Bishop Boland advised the congregation to "be meek and humble, following in the path of Our Lord, for he said that dissension and quarrels are the result when one partner in marriage suffers from pride and does not want to give in. Self sacrifice may be a little difficult at times."

A communion breakfast followed the mass, in the Catholic Community Center, 395 Main Street, Paterson, sponsored by the Catholic Deaf Society. George S. Taylor, of Passaic, Passaic County Welfare Commissioner, was toastmaster. The Rev. Walter Darcy, of St. Joseph's School, New York City, was the principal speaker. Others who spoke or were introduced were the Rev. Andrew Molnar, diocesan chaplain for the deaf, who also interpreted into the sign language Bishop Boland's sermon;

Theresa Leitner, president of the club; John Carroll, chairman of the building fund for the Catholic School.

Regular meetings of the Catholic Deaf Society are held on the last Friday evening of each month, at the Catholic Community Center.

Card playing

is prohibited. The Catholic Deaf Society is a non-profit organization.

Proceeds of the dinner will be turned over to the building fund.

It was announced that on Saturday night, May 6, the Women's Club for the Deaf will sponsor a card party for the building fund at the Catholic Community Center, 395 Main Street, Paterson. Mrs. Andrew Poline, of Paterson, chairman.

Catholic Benefit C... Friday Eve

The building of the School for the Deaf in Jersey will receive funds of a card on Friday evening in Community Center, Paterson, which by the Catholic Diocese of

Heading the committee chairman Thomas A. Boland, of Paterson, with Welfare Committee, Mr. M. Leitner, of Paterson, and Mr. and Mrs. John Queenan.

During the breakfast the Deaf Club of the Deaf turned over a check for \$175, proceeds from a card party held recently to the school building fund.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon Father Darcy delivered a speech in Our Lady's Chapel, which was followed by a holy hour from 3 o'clock until 4 o'clock. Recitation of the Blessed Sacrament included the religious activities of the day. A buffet luncheon was served at 5 o'clock in the community center.

A group of women from St. Stephen's Church, Passaic, headed by Mrs. Ida Sovages, prepared and served the breakfast and buffet luncheon.

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Lawlor Gets Papal Cross



SILENT PRAYER TO GOD—In sign language these deaf men and women of the Catholic Diocese of Paterson offer prayer service in Paterson yesterday marking ninth anniversary of

founding of Catholic Deaf Society. Faithful heard sermon by Most Rev. Thomas A. Boland, Bishop of Paterson, interpreted by Father Walter Darcy. (Herald-News Photo).

Catholic Deaf Society Marks Anniversary

Special Services Held in Paterson; Bishop Boland Talks

Members of the Catholic Deaf Society of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Paterson observed the ninth anniversary of the society's founding yesterday afternoon at a special service in Our Lady's Chapel of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Paterson, followed by a dinner in the Chancery Hall, 24 De Grasse Street.

The Most Rev. Thomas A. Boland, Bishop of Paterson, delivered a sermon which was interpreted by the Rev. Walter Darcy, of St. Joseph's School, The Bronx. The Bishop told of the meaning of Holy Year and said that Pope Pius XII had set aside Mission Sunday for prayers of peace. He said "there can be no peace without internal peace and that external peace cannot be had if the use of arms "is not peace."

Bishop Boland said that "Failure to center our lives in God is why we say man has not only shifted from religion, but away from God". Two World Wars and a great depression were signs of the "wrath of God", said Bishop Boland.

Over 200 at Dinner

Bishop Boland was celebrant at Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, with the Rev. Andrew J. Molnar, deacon, and the Rev. Joseph Gallo, sub-deacon. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William F. Louis was master of ceremonies.

The dinner was attended by more than 200 persons. George S. Taylor, of Passaic, a member of the Passaic County Welfare Commission, was toastmaster. He was introduced by Robert Queenan, chairman of the dinner committee. Speakers were Bishop Boland, Father Darcy, Father Molnar, diocesan director for the deaf; Father Gallo, assistant director; Miss Theresa Leitner, president of the society, and Mrs. Poline, chairman of the building fund for the Catholic School.

Self-Sacrifice Needed to Make Family Life Ideal, Says Bishop

Deaf of Paterson Diocese Have Communion Breakfast After Mass—Father Darcy Speaks

"Family troubles are caused mostly by pride," the most Rev. Thomas A. Boland, Bishop of Paterson, told the diocesan deaf yesterday during his sermon at the mass he celebrated at 10 o'clock, in Our Lady's Chapel of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Paterson, at the opening of a day of recollection.

Bishop Boland's Advice

Bishop Boland advised the congregation to "be meek and humble, following in the path of Our Lord, for he said that dissension and quarrels are the result when one partner in marriage suffers from pride and does not want to give in. Self-sacrifice may be a little difficult at times."

A communion breakfast followed the mass, in the Catholic Community Center, 385 Main Street, Paterson, sponsored by the Catholic Deaf Society. George S. Taylor, of Passaic, Passaic County Welfare Commissioner, was toastmaster. The Rev. Walter Darcy, of St. Joseph's School, New York City, was the principal speaker. Others who spoke or were introduced were the Rev. Andrew Molnar, diocesan chaplain for the deaf, who also interpreted into the sign language. Bishop Boland's sermon;

Miss Theresa Leitner, president of the society, and Mrs. John Carroll, chairman of the building fund for the Catholic School.

The Deaf. Proceeds of the dinner will be turned over to the building fund.

It was announced that on Saturday night, May 6, the Women's Club for the Deaf will sponsor a card party for the building fund at the Catholic Community Center, 385 Main Street, Paterson. Andrew Poline, of P.

Catholic Deaf Benefit Card Party Friday Evening

The building fund for a Catholic School for the deaf in New Jersey will receive the entire proceeds of a card party to be held on Friday evening at the Catholic Community Center, 385 Main St., Paterson, which is being sponsored by the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson.

Heading the committee as honorary chairman is the Most Rev. Thomas A. Boland, STD, Bishop of Paterson, with Passaic County Welfare Commissioner George Taylor, honorary vice-chairman; the Rev. Andrew J. Molnar, of Passaic, is moderator; the Rev. Joseph Gallo, of Paterson, and the Rev. Louis Gallo, of Morristown, vice-moderators.

A large lay committee has been preparing the event for the last few months. Robert Queenan, of Clinton, is general chairman. He is being assisted by John Carroll, chairman of the building fund committee; Miss Theresa Leitner, Mrs. Lucy Masker, Miss Margaret Ferguson, Miss Claire Franscic, Miss Charlotte Haik, Mrs. Andrew Poline, Mrs. John Carroll, Mrs. Mary Shinko, Mrs. Dorothy Schubert, Mrs. Ann Potoczek, Mrs. Sarah Verone, Mrs. Frances Ognibene, Mrs. John Di Ori.

Harry Shatzian, Jack Ciano, Lawrence Logato, Rocco Di Napoli, Andrew Poline, George Brayva, Anthony Otter, Fred Schubert, Francis Ognibene, John Di Ori, and John Dolan, many prizes will be awarded and all games will be played.

Card playing will commence at

the Catholic Deaf Society, 385 Main Street, Paterson. The Catholic Deaf Society is the Catholic Deaf Benefit Card Party.

FOUNDED AND ORGANIZED BY HIS EXCELLENCE THE LATE MOST REV. THOMAS H. McLAUGHLIN, D.D., S.T.D., BISHOP OF PATERSON

THE CATHOLIC DEAF SOCIETY BUILDING FUND FOR A CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR DEAF

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August 7, 1950

We realize that the Annual demands on your charity and generosity are many. Nevertheless, with hope in our hearts, we, too, put out our empty hand, not for "another one of the usual pleas," but for the forgotten people - the Deaf. The cripple, the sick, the beggar, all have their visible appeal, but the Deaf have no external way of appealing to your sympathy. Even during the regular "Help the Handicap Week", the Deaf are usually forgotten.

Within the Metropolitan area, there are over 25,000 Deaf who are not to be denied the ordinary things in life - an education, a job, and recreational facilities. We, of the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson, are having our annual drive for funds which will be used for the erection of a school for the Deaf here in northern New Jersey, which will help all Deaf children, regardless of color or creed. Please help us by making some contribution, however small it may be.

Deafness like all other afflictions is no discriminator of persons. Few people are born deaf. Scarlet fever, meningitis, pneumonia and various other causes may bring this affliction even to one of your own family. You, yourself, may someday need the benefit of a Deaf School.

Please send your contributions to me, preferably by check made out to "The Catholic Deaf Society Building Fund." If you should prefer to donate some gift instead, we can always use it as a prize at one of our card parties.

Thanking you in advance for your generous support, I remain

Most sincerely yours,

Rev. Andrew Molnar

Rev. Andrew Molnar, Chaplain

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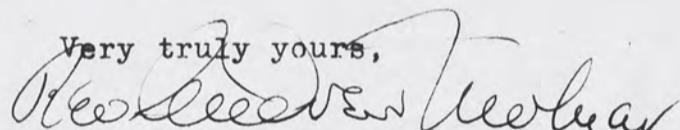
Oct. 3, 1950

To whom it may concern-

This is to certify that Mr. Robert Queenan, a Deaf Mute,
is a "bona fide" member of the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese
of Paterson. He has been delegated to visit the stores of this
Community in our endeavor to obtain prizes for our Annual Card Party
on November 17th at the Catholic Community Center, Paterson.

The entire proceeds, as usual, will go into the School for
Deaf children of all colors and creeds which our organization plans
to build. Your contribution, whether it be monetary or in the form
of a prize for the Card Party, will be gratefully accepted.

With sincerest thanks for your generosity, I remain

Very truly yours,

Rev. Andrew Molnar

REMEMBER THE CATHOLIC DEAF SOCIETY BUILDING FUND IN YOUR WILL

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Bishop James A. McNulty of Paterson, center, gets Hopi Indian sign. He was guest of honor at annual communion breakfast of Mount Carmel Church.

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Catholic Deaf Society Marks Anniversary at Breakfast

The 10th anniversary of the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson was celebrated at a Communion breakfast held yesterday in the Carroll Plaza Hotel. The breakfast followed Mass offered in Our Lady's Chapel of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, at which members of the society received Holy Communion in a body.

More than 125 persons attended the breakfast, proceeds of which will be added to the campaign to erect a school in the northern section of the state for deaf children. Proceeds of a souvenir program distributed at the breakfast will go toward the society's goal for a school.

Toastmaster was George S. Taylor, Passaic County welfare commissioner, who assisted in the formation of the society and who served as public relations manager and advisor for the group.

Celebrant of the Mass and principal speaker was the Rev. Thomas McCaffrey, professor at Archbishop Stepinac High School, White Plains, N. Y., and assistant chaplain for the deaf of the archdiocese of New York.

Others who spoke briefly were: The Rev. Denis A. Hayes, superintendent of schools of the Paterson Diocese and pastor of St. Cecilia's Church, Rockaway; the Rev. Andrew J. Molnar, St. Stephen's Church, Passaic, chaplain for the deaf; The Rev. Thomas Trapasso, Church of the Blessed Sacrament, chaplain for the deaf.

To toastmaster Taylor called upon for bow: Andrew Poline, Frank Verrone, Robert Queenan and Rocco DiNapoli, active members of the association, and Miss Gladys Winters from the Newark Diocesan Catholic Deaf Society.

Following the breakfast, the members were entertained by Magician Joseph Geraci in an act entitled "Marvel in Magic."

The group meets on the third Saturday of the month in the Con-

Community Center at 8 p. m. and holds church services on the first Sunday of the month in Our Lady's Chapel at 3 p. m.

Arrangement Committee.
Breakfast arrangements were made by Chairman John D. Carroll of Morristown, aided by Miss Therese Leitner, Robert Queenan, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Poline and Mr. and Mrs. John Carroll. Reception chairman was Mrs. Fred Schubert, assisted by Rocco DiNapoli and Mrs. Arthur Roecklein.

Society president is Miss Theresa Leitner; Robert Queenan, vice-president; Miss Mary Shinko, recording secretary; Mrs. Frank Verdone, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Poline, treasurer.

Last year, the Catholic Deaf Society made the following awards to our benefactors on Nov. 28, 1952:-

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- 2 - GE ELECTRIC WASHING MACHINE - Mary Bowdren, 35-20 77th St., Jackson Heights, N. Y.
- 3 - GE VACUUM CLEANER - Florence Mahoney, 23 North 5th St., Newark, N. J.
- 4 - UNDERWOOD TYPEWRITER - Mrs. Eleanor Lawrence, 240 Elmwood Ave. Ho-Ho-Kus, N. J.
- 5 - GERMAN IMPORTED 400-DAY CLOCK - Wengel Hogel, 33 East 5th St., Clifton, N. J.
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Paterson Card Party

The seventh annual card party of the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson was held at St. Nicholas School Auditorium in Passaic on Nov. 7. It was for the benefit of the proposed Catholic school for the deaf. It was a success in every respect. There were plenty of prizes for the winners of cards.

President Warnier was prevented from attending the affair because of the stormy weather recently. However, the ICDA officers on hand were First Vice President Jere V. Fives and Secretary Edwin Londregan. Father Burnier was there also. Father does not let any opportunity pass by where he may pick up some new signs and to polish up on those already learned. He is even learning Brooklynese.

Mr. Fives was awarded a brand-new 1952 Pontiac Chieftain 6. He has hopes of keeping it in the "family."

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Paterson Deaf Honors New Bishop

The Most Rev. James A. McNulty, D.D., new Bishop of Paterson, N. J., told the members of the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson that, like his predecessors, he is very much interested in their efforts to erect a Catholic school for the deaf children in Northern New Jersey. He pledged to support the campaign to raise funds for this endeavor. "This problem has my wholehearted encouragement and support," His Excellency stated at a testimonial dinner tendered in his honor Saturday evening, Oct. 20, in the Catholic Community Center by the Deaf Society.

One of the speakers of the evening was the Rev. Vincent de Paul Burnier of Juiz de Fora, Brazil, the only living deaf and mute ordained to the priesthood in the Catholic Church.

The Rev. George Belger, Moderator of the Catholic Deaf Society of Jersey City, was the principal speaker. He presented a word portrait of the new Bishop, and said:

"Bishop McNulty's life is a life of love for God and soul. While in Newark he was active with the Mount Carmel Guild, the Catholic Youth Organization, and he remained as pastor of a poor parish, even though he became a Bishop. All his zeal for love — love of God and soul, and

his work is never done in half-measures. The love of God and soul cannot be explained in word, but can be felt by those he aided."

Bishop McNulty, said Father Belger, "is outstanding in work because he is outstanding in love."

Bishop McNulty, in his address, which was interpreted into the sign-language by the Rev. Andrew J. Molnar, Moderator of the deaf in the Diocese of Paterson, said:

"I am so grateful for your kind invitation to attend this dinner and am happy to meet old and new friends, and I have come to thank you from my heart for this beautiful spiritual bouquet which I will always cherish."

The Bishop said he was thankful to Father Burnier for his inspiring message, in which the deaf priest disclosed that he had remembered to pray for His Excellency's intentions in saying Mass the other day, and promised to offer Holy Mass for Father Burnier and all the deaf of the diocese. He thanked Father Belger for his "portrait" and praised Father Molnar and his assistant, Father Joseph Gallo, "for their interest in this important work."

It was at this part of his address that the Bishop mentioned the campaign for the deaf school and said that "I pledge

everything in my power to help you realize your dreams."

Mrs. Andrew Poline was chairman of the dinner committee. George S. Taylor, vice-president of the Passaic County Welfare Board, and long-time friend and advisor of the deaf, served as toastmaster. Others who spoke were Fathers Molnar and Gallo; Robert Queenan, president of the society; Miss Gladys Winter of the deaf department of the Mount Carmel Guild in Newark; Alexander Vernovage, president of the Catholic Deaf Society of Jersey City, and John D. Carroll, general chairman of the drive for the Catholic school.

in the name of the society President Queenan presented the deaf priest with a check.

In his address Father Burnier thanked the society for its interest in him, and he expressed the hope that the projected school for the deaf would soon be a reality. Father Molnar told the group that the story about Father Burnier's longing for the priesthood, in spite of his handicap, was an inspiring one. Mr. Taylor was toastmaster at the celebration and

Diocesan Society Honors Deaf Priest At Clifton Dinner

The Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson was host Tuesday night at a dinner in honor of the Rev. Vincent de Paul Burnier of Juiz de Fora of Brazil, the only deaf priest in the world, on the occasion of the second anniversary of his ordination. The dinner was held at the Robin Hood Inn, Clifton.

Father Burnier, who is 32 years old and born totally deaf, was ordained Sept. 22, 1951. He is an accomplished linguist and can lip-read in six languages, including English, which he picked up since his short stay in the United States and in addition he has become proficient in the sign language used in this country.

The Rev. Andrew J. Molnar, assistant pastor of St. Stephen's Church, Passaic, and diocesan chaplain for the deaf, was the principal speaker. He said:

"The story of Father Burnier's longing for and finally attaining his cherished goal of the priesthood is an inspiring one. The deaf man's hope of a man born to silence was realized when permission for his ordination was given."

One of nine children born to his father when he was one year old, with four other deaf children in the family, his devoted mother provided private tutors for them. Two of his hearing brothers are priests. The example of his brothers fired his longing to be a priest and serve God as they did.

Robert Queenan, president of the Catholic Deaf Society, after a few brief remarks, presented Father Burnier with a check from the society.

Father Burnier was to have returned to Brazil last Friday, but he has been granted permission by his bishop to continue his stay in this country until Oct. 12, to enable him to visit many of the deaf centers here.

In his address Father Burnier thanked the society for taking such interest in him and expressed the hope that the work of erecting a school for the deaf in the Paterson would be accomplished in a short time.

At present the Society is conducting a campaign to acquire property for a Catholic deaf school in the diocese in which children of all races and creeds will be taught to become useful citizens.

Officers of the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson are Robert Queenan, of Clifton, president; Andrew Poline, of Passaic, vice-president; Rocco DiNapoli, of Clifton, secretary; and Miss Theresa Leitner, of Paterson, treasurer. Officers installed were Robert Queenan, of Clifton, president; Andrew Poline, of Passaic, vice-president; Rocco DiNapoli, of Clifton, secretary, and Miss Theresa Leitner, of Paterson, treasurer.

The school building campaign committee is headed by John Carroll, of Morris Plains, with Mr. DiNapoli, secretary; Miss Leitner, treasurer; George S. Taylor, of Passaic, and John Leitner, of Paterson, trustees.

A card party will be held on Saturday evening Nov. 7, in St. Nicholas Parochial School, Morris Plains, for the benefit of the deaf school fund.

Bishop Pledges Support to School for Deaf



THE CATHOLIC DEAF SOCIETY of the diocese honored the Most Rev. James A. McNulty, Bishop of Paterson, Saturday evening at a dinner in the Catholic Community Center. Shown above, in the photo, seated, left to right, are: the Rev. Vincent de Paul Burnier, of Brazil, only deaf mute in priesthood; Bishop McNulty and the Rev. George Belger, of Jersey City, guest speaker. Standing, in the same order, George S. Taylor, toastmaster; Mrs. Andrew Poline, chairman; the Rev. Joseph Gallo and the Rev. Andrew Molnar, who work with the deaf of the diocese; and Robert Queenan, president of the society.

Catholic Deaf Society Says Farewell To Bishop Boland

The Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson presented a spiritual bouquet to Archbishop-designate Thomas A. Boland at a farewell service in Our Lady's Chapel of the Cathedral of St. John, Sunday afternoon. Installation of the society's new officers also was held Sunday.

Bishop Boland, who has taken a great interest in the work for the deaf since he became head of the Paterson diocese five years ago, gave a short sermon on the Christmas season. He also told the members that "this is not a good-bye but you will come to Newark to say hello there and we will meet again."

Bishop Boland celebrated pontifical benediction with the Rev. Andrew J. Molnar, chaplain for the deaf, serving as deacon, and the Rev. Thomas Trapasso, an assistant chaplain as sub-deacon. The Rev. Joseph Gallo, also an assistant chaplain, was master of ceremonies. Seated in the sanctuary was Msgr. Walter Hill, pastor of the cathedral.

At the installation held in the Catholic Community Center, 395 Main St., George S. Taylor, county welfare commissioner, acted as installing officer. The entire ceremony was conducted in the sign language.

Officers installed were Robert Queenan, of Clifton, president; Andrew Poline, of Passaic, vice-president; Rocco DiNapoli, of Clifton, secretary, and Miss Theresa Leitner, of Paterson, treasurer. President Queenan appointed Jack Ciampi as sergeant-at-arms.

Other Molnar and John Carroll, of Morris Plains, were special guests. The society will meet on Sunday, Feb. 24.



1953 Catholic Priest, a Deaf-Mute, Visits His Cousin in Clifton

**Father Burnier, of Brazil, Second Such Man
To Be Ordained in 2,000-Year Church History**

The only deaf-mute in the world who is a Catholic priest is visiting in this area. He is Padre Vincente de Paulo Penido Burnier, of Brazil—the second such man to be ordained in the 2,000-year-history of the church.

Expert Lip Reader

Father Burnier came to this country last month to attend the annual convention of the International Catholic Deaf Association in Detroit. He is now visiting a cousin, Domingos N. Penido, 41-B Brookside Drive, Clifton, and various deaf centers.

One of five deaf-mutes in a family of nine children, the 32-year-old priest has worked all his life to overcome the handicap he was born with. Here's the evidence of how successful his fight has been:

He can lip read in five languages—French, Portuguese, Italian, Latin and English. For good measure, he can read Spanish, too.

He has trained himself to utter sounds which he can't hear, but which others can hear and understand.

Gets Papal Dispensation

When he was five years old, a tutor began teaching him to read in French and Portuguese. For nine years, he was tutored in mathematics, history, geography and other subjects.

Still in his teens, he entered a minor seminary in Brazil. He stayed there for seven years; then spent six more years studying in the major seminary.

Then came a three year wait while he tried to get a special dispensation from the Pope. He had physical defects that would hamper them in their priestly duties, as a rule, cannot become priests.

The young Brazilian went to Rome to ask for the papal dispensation. He was required to take a series of examinations, one of which was given by the Pope himself. The dispensation was finally granted. Father Burnier was ordained September 22, 1951 in his home town, Juiz de Fora.

He now works in the office in that town handling the business affairs of his bishop's diocese. Juiz de Fora is a five-hour ride northwest of Rio de Janeiro.

Yesterday, Father Burnier visited the Rev. Andrew Molnar, assistant at St. Stephen's Church, Passaic. Father Molnar is chaplain of the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson, the president of which is Robert Queenan, of Clifton.

"Father Burnier is something of a legend to every deaf person," said Father Molnar.

Deep sympathy of the Society is extended to Robert Queenan, its president, on the loss of his beloved mother who was one of the great benefactresses to the Catholic deaf cause in the diocese. The deaf who knew of her good heart are asked to pray for the repose of her soul.

Their Excellencies Archbishop Boland and Bishop M... Support Education Program For Deaf Mutes

The Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson was organized by the Most Reverend Thomas H. McLaughlin, the late First Bishop of the Diocese of Paterson. He assigned to the organization, which was then known as the Catholic Silent Club, the Rev. Denis Hayes as its first Diocesan Chaplain, in 1941, the year of its founding. In 1943, when Father Hayes became Superintendent of Schools, the Rev. Andrew Molnar was assigned as the Chaplain, which post he still holds.

The original purpose of its founding, was to give the Deaf the opportunity of worshipping God in their own language, the Sign Language. Opportunity was also given to them to have a place where they could meet each other and participate in social functions. When the late Bishop McLaughlin purchased the old St. Anthony's Guild property for conversion into a Diocesan Catholic Community Center, quarters were assigned to the Deaf for their exclusive use.

During the episcopacy of the late Bishop McLaughlin, the Catholic Deaf of the Diocese of Paterson felt and saw the urgent need for a Catholic School for the deaf children. In 1946, they began a campaign for funds with eventual erection of a school for the deaf, which while under Catholic auspices would open its doors to all deaf children, regardless of color and creed. So far, each year they have promoted a fund raising campaign towards this

goal. After six years of fund-raising, they have only raised \$26,000.00, which points out the lack of sympathetic understanding the hearing public have towards the deaf cause.

The fact that a great portion of the deaf are Catholics, many drifting from their faith because of inadequate opportunities to learn their religion, coupled with the fact that there are only eleven Catholic schools for the deaf, prompted the second Bishop of Paterson, the present Archbishop of Newark, the Most Reverend Thomas A. Boland, to urge the deaf to continue their school plans.

The present third Bishop of Paterson, the Most Reverend James McNulty, has also given his blessings to this project with a promise to do all he can to make it a reality all the sooner. The crowded condition of even the State School in New Jersey would be an added incentive in beginning the school as soon as possible.

The fact that the deaf have no physically visible handicap has led the hearing public to neglect the deaf needs, because this type handicap does not make itself more noticeable to the public eye. Their need for help and support, however, is just as important, if not more so because of its neglected condition.

His Excellency Bishop McNulty Greets Rev. Burnier



Father Burnier Unites Couple

On Jan. 18 Father Vincent Burnier of Brazil united in marriage Miss Rozella Mary Jacobs of Spring Valley, N. Y., and Anthony C. Venturini of Paterson, N. J., in St. Peter the Apostle Church, Parsippany-Troy Hills, N. J. Father Burnier used the signal-language and it was the first time he united a deaf couple.

Mrs. S. Stoltz, of Pearl River, N. Y., was matron of honor, with Mrs. Donald Spalton, Neptune; Mrs. Russell Dundon, Paterson, and Mrs. Leon Potoczak, West Paterson, as bridesmaids.

Robert Queenan of Clifton was best man. Donald Spalton, Russell Dundon and Leon Potoczak ushered.

The bride attended the Maryland School for the Deaf in Frederick, Md., before moving to Nanuet, N. Y. where she finished her schooling in a hearing school.

The bridegroom is a graduate of the N. J. School for the Deaf, West Trenton. He was once selected as a member of the All American football team chosen from teams of all schools for the deaf in the United States.

Dec 1, 1953

Dear Bob -

Be so kind as to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the members of the Catholic Deaf Society, their kind remembrance of me on my birthday. The only thing I ever want from any of them is a continued prayer that I might always worthily follow the footsteps of Christ. I shall continue to remember all of you in my daily Masses and prayers.

Yours in Christ
Father Trewhair

Fall, 1953

Dear Friend,

Once more you find us knocking at your door for help. But before you just throw this letter away, please read what we have to say, won't you? Each year as you know we have a drive for funds towards the eventual erection of a School for the deaf children of New Jersey. The school would be under Catholic auspices, but would be open to all deaf children, regardless of creed or color.

Since we cannot hope for any state aid, we must resort to this kind of begging. Deafness can strike in any family. God forbid, but it may even strike in yours. We know that in an event such as that you would want to put your child in the best possible type of school to adapt him in life. That is just the type of school we plan to have.

Unfortunately, the Deaf are a much misunderstood and forgotten lot. Do you know, for example, that despite all the clamor about helping the handicapped, the deaf find it the hardest to get jobs? Do you know that even the government excludes them from civil service? And yet they are supposed to earn their livelihood! It will be our endeavor to educate them and to prepare them for a decent adult life.

Enclosed you will please find a book which we hope you will use for our benefit. The expected donation for each book is only two dollars, indeed a pitifully small amount in times like these. If you yourself cannot use the book please give it to a friend or else return it to us. If you cannot help in any way, the least you can do is to say a little prayer for the success of our campaign. This only takes good will and a little time, and we know you have it in your heart to find both of them.

If you desire any additional books, please contact me at the address given below. Someone's good will and charity will be rewarded with a new Pontiac. We wish we could reward all of our faithful friends, but unfortunately that is impossible, at least materially. We can, however, assure you of a constant remembrance in our prayers, and leave it up to God to reward you as only He can.

God bless you for your patience and your charity!

Most sincerely yours,

Rev. Andrew Molnar

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Chaplain
223 Third St.
Passaic, N. J.

P.S. On the reverse side you will find the list of last year's awards. Perhaps next year we will be printing your name!

Last year, the Catholic Deaf Society made the following awards to our benefactors on Nov. 28, 1952:-

- 1 - NECCHI SEWING MACHINE - James Harris, 170 Bowden Road, Cedar Grove, N. J.
- 2 - GE ELECTRIC WASHING MACHINE - Mary Bowdren, 35-20 77th St., Jackson Heights, N. Y.
- 3 - GE VACUUM CLEANER - Florence Mahoney, 23 North 5th St., Newark, N. J.
- 4 - UNDERWOOD TYPEWRITER - Mrs. Eleanor Lawrence, 240 Elmwood Ave., Ho-Ho-Kus, N. J.
- 5 - GERMAN IMPORTED 400-DAY CLOCK - Wengel Hogel, 33 East 5th St., Clifton, N. J.
- 6 - SUNBEAM MIX-MASTER - Nellie Kuhl, Intervale Road, Boonton, N. J.
- 7 - 54 PIECE SILVERWARE SET - Bobby Leitner, 347 Lawrie St., Perth Amboy, N. J.
- 8 - ROTISSERIE - Annette Stee, 351 State St., Perth Amboy, N. J.
- 9 - CARD TABLE AND CHAIRS - James Serafino, 721 Birch St., Boonton, N. J.
- 10 - TOASTMASTER - Blase Cassibba, 190-8th St., Jersey City, N. J.

We, the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson, Inc., ICDA Chapter No. 3, want to let it be known that we are very grateful to Father John Gallagher, C.S.S.R., of Buffalo, chaplain of the ICDA, for once more calling attention of the ICDAers to our Catholic school for the deaf in Northern New Jersey for the N. Y. convention. It is undeniable that we would welcome more help from our fellow members in view of the following developments:

Our 50-50 club—the best means to augment the Building Fund monthly—has been stopped—or rather, if we may say hopefully, suspended for the time being because of the new state law which forbids off-premise soliciting of contributions for prize purposes. The N. J. legislators declared such practices illegal.

despite the overwhelming vote of the majority for the passage of the ~~ago~~ Raffle Referenda last November.

We also had to "perish the thought" regarding the fourth car raffle for our annual November card party. This deprivation of the usual revenue from such a method is a hard blow to our work. All we can do is to wait and see if public opinion is aroused enough to force the changes in this law.

In the meantime, Father Andrew Molnar is, nevertheless, readying letters of appeal to the public for voluntary contributions without any hope of prize in return. They will be sent out in the Fall. Let us pray for an excellent response.

Three Speakers Address Catholic Deaf Society

Three principal speakers addressed members of the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson yesterday at their 13th annual Communion breakfast. One of the largest groups ever attending the affair went to Mass in Our Lady's Chapel of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. The Most Rev. James A. McNulty, D.D., Bishop of Paterson was celebrant.

Breakfast followed in the Catholic Community Center, 395 Main St., where the Bishop commended members on this effort to raise funds to erect a Diocesan Catholic School for the Deaf and said he hoped the school soon will be a reality. He also lauded the work of the Rev. Andrew Molnar, spiritual director of the society for his zeal.

The bishop urged members to accept suffering willingly as proof of their friendship with God and to help neighbors who are in need of prayers. "Suffering," he said, "should be regarded not as a punishment for sin, but as an opportunity to prove ourselves worthy of our companionship with Our Lady and His Blessed Mother."

FR. McCAFFREY SPEAKS

The Rev. Thomas McCaffrey of White Plains, N. Y., who signed as the bishop delivered his message to members, later addressed the group himself urging the society to halt Communism through prayer. He said that communism teaches that there is no God, that man is created to serve the state alone, and that the party comes before everything else. Father McCaffrey said that loyalty oaths will not stop Communism because party members will take the oath which they regard as meaningless and continue their work for the party. "Only prayer can call a halt to these activities," he said.

For the first time in the history of the organization, members were

addressed by a woman. Mrs. Grace P. Plourde, secretary and field worker at the New York Catholic Deaf Center, complimented members on their work in trying to erect a school for the deaf.

TAYLOR IS MC

George S. Taylor, Passaic, master of ceremonies at the program and introduced the following members and guests for a bow: Alec Vernovage, president of the Jersey City Catholic Deaf Society; Arthur Raschien, president of the Morris Plains Catholic Deaf Center; Richard Bowden, New York, chairman of the arrangements committee for the International Catholic Deaf Society Convention which will be held in July in the Hotel Statler, New York City; John Carroll, Morris Plains, chairman of the Catholic School of Deaf Fund; Andrew Poline, Passaic, chairman of the breakfast committee, and Robert Queenan, Clifton, the society president.

1954 Catholic Deaf Society Plans Future Activities

Plans for three coming events, including a movie, Communion breakfast and benefit card party, were made by members of the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson at a meeting, Sunday in the Catholic Community Center, 395 Main St.

The business meeting of the organization followed religious services in Our Lady's Chapel of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. At the services, members offered prayers for Pope Pius XII.

Robert Queenan, president, conducted the business meeting during which it was announced that the motion picture, "The Life of St. Don Bosco," will be shown on Saturday, March 13, at 8 p.m. at the Catholic Community Center.

Andrew Poline, of Passaic, chairman of arrangements for the 13th annual Communion breakfast, announced that the breakfast will be held in the Center on Sunday, March 21, following the annual corporate Communion of the society.

A card party will be sponsored on Saturday evening, March 21. Proceeds will be divided between the Paterson Diocesan Deaf Society, the Morris Plains Deaf Center and the International Catholic Deaf Association. Mr. and Mrs. John Carroll and John Di Orio are in charge of plans for the card party which will be held in the Community Center.

The Rev. Andrew J. Molnar, assistant pastor of St. Stephen's Church, Passaic, and diocesan chaplain for the deaf, conducted the religious service. He asked the congregation to offer their prayers for Pope Pius XII, "to give him strength."

Father Molnar, who gave his sermon in sign language, spoke on "Catholic Press Month" and urged the members to read, not only Catholic newspapers and magazines, but also the Bible. Read at least one verse a day, he asked, "for the Bible is the written Word of God."

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given by Father Molnar. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Walter H. Rector of St. John's parish recently was appointed rector of justice for the deaf section in the ecclesiastical

AUDIENCE WITH POPE



THE HOLY FATHER BETWEEN the Rev. Joseph Gallo of Paterson, N. J., right, and his brother, the Rev. Louis Gallo of Rockaway, N. J., left.

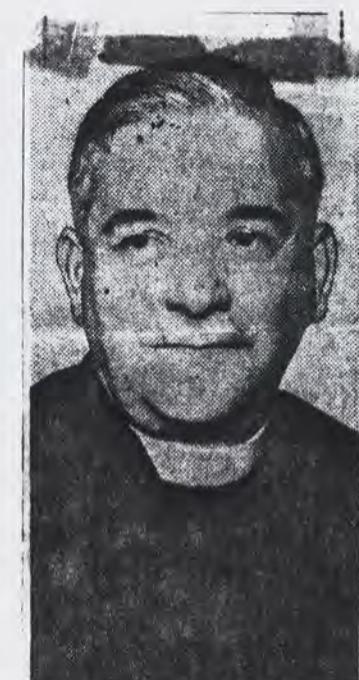
Fathers Louis and Joseph Gallo of the Diocese of Paterson, N. J., and long connected with the deaf apostolate there, really had something to tell to the deaf about their recent six-week trip to Europe, which included stops at Rome, Naples, Venice, Turin and Lourdes.

The greatest thrill for those two brothers was when they succeeded in securing a private audience with His Holiness, Pope Pius XII. The Holy Father conversed with them for four minutes.

In the travels had the brothers visited the famous Small Home of Divine Providence, or better known as "the Cottolengo" in honor of its founder, St. Joseph Benedict Cottolengo. This 21-acre shelter takes in over 6,000 persons who are unable to adjust their everyday lives to meet world conditions because of utter poverty, different cases of illness and physical afflictions, social ostracism, etc. In other words, this Small Home is hospital, asylum, monastery and school combined in one.

It also houses several different orders of nuns to run the place according to the duties assigned them by their respective rules. Among them, as the priests were surprised to learn, is the Order of the Sacred Heart of Mary for deaf women founded by the saint himself. Their task is to provide the churches and chapels with altar cloths. A brochure describes them as "wonderfully skillful in embroidery with gold and silk."

The priests also visited the homes for the deaf on the same grounds — women living at St. John's and men at St. Francis de Sales'. Deaf children were asked by the Sisters in charge to say the Lord's Prayer orally, of course in Italian, for the benefit of the visitors, which they did.



The New York Times
DEAF PRIEST. The Very Rev. Canon W. J. Hayward

Up to Attend Convention of Deaf

Robert Queenan, of Clifton, will head a four-man delegation to the fifth annual convention of the International Catholic Deaf Association which starts tomorrow in the Hotel Statler, in New York City.

Queenan is president of the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson. Others attending will be Andrew Poline, of Passaic; John Carroll, of Morris Plains, and the Rev. Andrew Molnar, chaplain for the diocesan deaf.

The Very Rev. Canon William J. Hayward, of Manchester, England, will make two principal speeches next week before the 2,000 persons attending the convention.

Father Hayward, one of only two Catholic priests in the world ordained despite deafness, will speak through an interpreter, the Rev. Walter J. Darcy, moderator of the New York Catholic Deaf Center in New York.

Dean Hayward reports that the sign language used by deaf persons in the U. S. is far superior to that employed in England.

"Your American system is infinitely superior," he said. "It's easier to learn and understand. It is more defining, clearer and more elaborate."

Father Hayward stated he would be happy to go to the British Isles to teach the American system.

The Catholic Deaf Society observed Ephpheta Sunday by conducting a campaign in the various parishes to obtain funds for the proposed Catholic school for the deaf. Through the fine editorial on "Ephpheta Sunday" in The Advocate, a diocesan weekly, and the cooperative utterances of the pastors from the pulpits, the public was made aware of the importance of the apostolate of the deaf. For the reason that there still remain a few parishes to be canvassed at later dates, the report about this campaign will not be completed until late Fall, but we can say that we certainly got an encouraging start.

Plans are being made for a reception dinner to honor the Very Rev. Canon William Hayward of Manchester, England, at the Catholic Community Center in Paterson, Saturday evening, September 25. Mrs. Sarah Verrone is chairlady.

And do not forget about our Monster card party, too, which will be held at St. Nicholas School Auditorium in Passaic, Saturday evening, November 6. The proceeds will go toward the school building

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NEWS SHEET

MANCHESTER DEAF GENERAL HOLY COMMUNION JAN. 13th.
TWO FEASTS OF OBLIGATION, ALL MUST GO TO MASS. TUESDAY JAN 1st. Feast of the CIRCUMCISION. (New Year's Day) and Feast of the EPIPHANY Jan 6th. There will be EVENING MASS in the Chapel here on both days. 7.30 p.m. WHIST DRIVE HERE. SATURDAY Jan. 12th (Pay for refreshments) 7.0. p.m. sharp TEA: SOCIAL: DANCE. In the Technical Institute (one minute from this club) ON SATURDAY JAN. 26th. Tea at 5.0.p.m. We have the same BAND as last time; and we have been lucky to get MR. ALASTAIR P. OLIPHANT to perform for us. He won the SILVER WAND last Sept. at the Convention of the International Brotherhood of MAGICIANS. We are sure of a good show. GET YOUR TICKETS AT ONCE - 6/-. Send 6/- with your name and address and ticket will be sent.
RATE REDUCTION. I am glad to say that this place has only small rates to pay because it is registered as a PLACE OF PUBLIC WORSHIP under the law about these things. It is a very welcome help.

JOSEPH EDWARDS. Bro. Edwards died last month, aged 67. He was the FIRST S.V.P. Brother to help the Catholic Deaf of Manchester. When I came to Manchester to start my priestly work for the Manchester Catholic Deaf, our good friend Fr. BUCKLEY (now at Clayton) asked me if I would like to get into touch with the S.V.P. and he took me to see Bro. Edwards who was willing to help. From then till the day when the late Bishop HENSHAW OF SALFORD brought Bro. ROSSALL, the CENTRAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT to see me the S.V.P. helped more and more. When Bishop Henshaw brought Bro. Rossall it was a surprise visit, and the Bishop said to me "I have brought Bro. Rossall myself to make sure he comes to see you". Bishop MARSHALL was frequently praising the S.V.P. for the help they give me. God rest all their souls. I am always praying for them. They were indeed our BENEFACORS Fr. BUCKLEY still is one of our best benefactors- especially to me, because he says Mass here when I am away on Missions, and usually acts as an interpreter for me at meetings etc. He has done it for 29 years. God reward him (especially as he wont let me give any reward!!)

THANKS FOR THE MANY CHRISTMAS CARDS, LETTERS AND DONATIONS. More than 150 Christmas cards came, many letters. About 30 came from my AMERICAN deaf friends. (The letters and notes from America gave me much pleasure as the deaf friends wrote so kindly and proved that I am by no means forgotten, although it is two years since my three months stay in U.S.A.) Our good S.V.P. from all parts of England have been as good as ever in the money help they have sent. The S.V.P. of the Salford Diocese have given at least £500 this year. I always say I dont know how I would manage without the S.V.P. Some priests and lay people have continued their help. We are very grateful, because our expenses (like those of others) go Up and Up - for instance we spend well over £100 a year on postage stamps (I wrote about 600 letters last year). ALL the deaf pray for ALL our BENEFACORS every Sunday at Benediction and I frequently remember them at Holy Mass. LONDON DEAF. We CONGRATULATE Bro. GERARD FINNERTY upon being awarded the HOLY FATHER'S MEDAL "PRO ECCLESIA ET PONTIFICE" for his long useful work for the Catholic Church. We deaf have benefitted by his labours and we thank him and say we are pleased at the honour given to him.

MY NEXT VISITS:

LIVERPOOL - JAN. 19th. This will be the tea party day but I will be ready for any confessions because Jan 20th is General Holy Communion day for Liverpool deaf. Fr. GILLON, the new Liverpool Chaplain for the deaf was able to spell an instruction before Benediction last time. The deaf were very pleased that he could do so. All our deaf like to see priests able to finger-spell, because it is so useful and shows that the priests are willing to take the little trouble it is to learn. Finger spelling is far better than lip reading. (The deaf man thought the priest was daft when

he told him five farthings for penance!!! For long animated conversation signs are better still. THE LIVERPOOL DEAF must congratulate MISS FRANCES TICKLE. She has been awarded the PAPAL MEDAL "BENE MERENTI"- because she is "WELL DESERVING PRAISE" for her 45 years work for the Liverpool deaf as TEACHER at the Deaf school and for much self-sacrificing work for the Adult Deaf at the Liverpool Catholic Club. I know her very well and much of the work she has done and I say I am delighted she has been honoured. Many more years of her work is needed. May she have them!
PRESTON DEAF. MY NEXT VISIT TO PRESTON: FRIDAY JAN 11th.
I WISH YOU ALL MANY BLESSINGS IN THE COMING NEW YEAR.

The N.E.S SHEET THIS TIME is full of praise for all those who do good to help the deaf. The BROTHERS OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, all priests and other benefactors give their work and money to help the Deaf to be loyal and faithful to GOD AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. Sports; games; socials and other events are arranged; clubs provided, and welfare services are given, BUT let there be no mistake; most of the money and help is given by those benefactors CHIEFLY to help the deaf be GOOD CATHOLICS AND TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR THEM to get instruction; go to confession and more easily receive the sacrament of marriage. As this is so, the attendance at BENEDICTION OUGHT to be bigger than for a tea party - and it would be if we were all SAINTS; but I want you all to have this thought in mind during the coming year, THAT S.V.P.; PRIESTS AND LAY-BENEFACATORS give their money chiefly to help you to be good Catholics. They will not cry very much if your football team is low in the League Table, BUT they WILL BE VERY SAD if you have a bad name for being bad or lazy Catholics.
1957 - another year gone - one year nearer to that last match with the Devil - the day of our death. It will not matter then if "CITY" wins or loses - the BIG THING THEN will be - HAVE WE WON the HEAVENLY CITY (of GOD).

GOOD WISHES
FROM CANON W.J. HAYWARD

Dear Bob Queenan,

Thank for the Christmas Card - I do not forget you & all at Paterson & Passaic - Do I remember my heavy baggage which you carried around for the long day I many wish I bet you do - I still thank you in my heart.

Send best wishes & many blessings to you and yours - in the Coming Year.

Sod bless you

W J Hayward

1954

DEAF PRIEST LED ORDAINING BISHOP

British Canon, Here for World Session, Recounts His Steps From a War to the Pulpit

When the Bishop of Leeds was about to ordain William J. Hayward as a priest of the Roman Catholic Church, back in 1927, he did not know just how to go about it. The young candidate for holy orders was wholly deaf.

Yesterday, at the Catholic Chancery at 451 Madison Avenue, the Very Rev. Canon William J. Hayward recalled how the ceremonies were carried out.

"Fortunately I was the only priest to be ordained," he said. "So I suggested to the bishop that when we were both to speak, I begin and he join me."

This reversed the usual procedure, but the bishop was willing, and "we got through swimmingly," said Canon Hayward.

Since then the rather short, dark-haired, witty clergyman has made an unusual place for himself among the deaf in England. He is here to be guest of honor at the convention of the International Catholic Deaf Association, beginning Monday at the Statler Hotel.

Canon Hayward was a 19-year-old English lance corporal at the front in France in World War I when, in two hours, he lost his hearing. The damage was caused by an attack of spinal meningitis, then epidemic in his area.

Discharged from the British Army he found himself in a new world, "the world of the deaf." He taught at a school for the deaf and at the same time continued religious studies. These led him to adopt the Roman Catholic faith, and eventually he sought permission to study for the priesthood.

This was obtained and a dispensation was granted by Rome when he was ready for ordination. At first, he said yesterday, he was assigned to minister to the deaf, but gradually his services have become general.

He performs marriages, preaches, "hears" confessions by lip reading and the use of sign language, and keeps busy generally in priestly pursuits. He is authorized to serve in about a third of the Roman Catholic dioceses of Britain.

In ministering to 1,500 Roman Catholic deaf persons, and serving others through non-denominational agencies, Canon Hayward has become a vital part of "the world of the deaf."

"I hope to import the American sign language when I go back," Canon Hayward said. He said the American version, which he has learned in two weeks here and will use in "speeches" at the convention, is simpler and clearer than the English.

Bishop Permits Collection

Bishop James A. McNulty of the Diocese of Paterson has shown a concrete interest in the proposed school for the deaf in Northern New Jersey. He has given Father Molnar, Director of Paterson Deaf Center, permission to appeal to the various parishes of the diocese for aid on Ephpheta Sunday of this year.

It is indeed a far cry to the day when the Directors of the deaf thought up such an idea in the meetings of the Section for the Deaf of the Catholic Educational Association, but could not agree on appealing to the Bishops of the nation for help for Catholic schools.

We hope such a collection will come a nationwide custom.

The ICDA Chapters have shown what they could do when it comes to supporting a worthy cause, for which the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson, Chapter 3, has reason to be very grateful.

In planning to give away a new car at the recent card party, culminating current drive for the Catholic School for the Deaf in New Jersey Building Fund, the Society had allotted a certain number of donation books, the sale of which was to benefit the 1954 ICDA Convention Fund as well, on percentage basis.

Now, as the result of the fine cooperation of N. Y. C. Chapter's Richard Bowdren, general chairman of the convention, who had distributed the books among the chapters, and generous responses from those Catholic Deaf, the Society had the satisfaction of seeing two objectives realized: 1st, the 1954 Convention Fund was considerably enriched; and 2nd, from publicity and financial angles the allotment worked advantageously to the School Building Fund.

Father Andrew Molnar and the Drive for School committee want to take this means to thank Mr. Bowdren and the N. Y. ICDA Convention committee for their wonderful assistance; and to all other chapters, too, who had contributed generously to aid two good causes.

At this writing it looks very much as if Father Vincente Burnier will have to renew his visit after December 31.

Also, because of Father Burnier's delayed return home, Anthony Venturini of Paterson and Rozelle Jacobs of Spring Valley, N. Y. stand a good chance of acquiring the enviable distinction of being the first deaf couple ever to be married by the deaf priest. The marriage is to take place in late January.

The Morris Plains Catholic Deaf Center has something up their sleeve in the way of social activity but they will have to wait until the diocesan parent center — meaning Paterson — votes to pitch in with them. The plan will be announced in the next issue of the ICDA NEWS.

The recent election of the officers for 1954 showed the Society's awareness of the importance of youth movement. The results follow: Robert Queenan, 22, was re-elected president while Fred Schubert, 23, and Claire De Francesco, 23, were chosen to be vice-president and treasurer respectively. John Carroll was made to look the "Pop" when he accepted the post of secretary. Another youth — Jack Ciano, 23 — was elected to the Board of Trustees along with Mary Shinko and Theresa Leithner.

JOHN D. CARROLL

AR PROMOTE'

Molnar, the Moderator of the Diocese of Paterson, a pastor Dec. 2, 1954. In addition, he transferred to his parish, a small farm in the foothills of the Kittatinny Mountains. Father has what is probably the smallest church in the whole diocese, state of New Jersey. His church, on Highway 15, is called "Our Lady of Peace." Its quaintness at The New York Herald Tribune was a feature article to which Father responded, "a church four pews long is sufficient for us. That article made the church as more like a house than a place of worship. At a farmer had built what would be a two-story home with a porch and also a store attached—a three in one for some unknown reason, and never gotten around to it after it was completed. Chancery Office bought it and transformed the store while the two-story cottage will serve as the purpose for a

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is quite a distance from his domicile and is about 60 miles from the Center of Catholic Deaf in Paterson. However, Father makes it clear that he is still the spokesman for the deaf and will attend the meetings of the Diocesan Catholic Deaf in all weather conditions regardless of the weather. Father Joseph Gallo and Father Trapasso, both Associate Moderators, will take care of most of the deaf's needs now. The drive for a school for the deaf will not be the least by this promotion.

Molnar's new address is: Our Lady of Peace Rectory, Box 4, N. J.

ed "Ephpheta Sunday" in the diocesan Parishes for the building of the Deaf Building Fund with the returns showing over \$6,200. There is no doubt about the "Sunday" Appeal. Walking the world of many good hearts, it was agreed that the date was in that it conflicted with other functions. We will solicit contributions best suited to the convenience of the donor, even as early as May, during the gospel of Ephpheta. The theme for our appeal. The slogan: "Bring baskets — not



Rev. Thomas J. Trapasso

Diocesan Chaplain

Rev. Joseph Gallo

Asst. Chaplain

Rev. Louis Gallo

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HONORED: Robert Queenan makes a presentation to Rev. Stephen Landherr, C.S.S.R. The scene took place June 15 at a dinner at the Hotel Douglas, Newark, at which Father Landherr was honored by the deaf of North Jersey and New York on the 25th anniversary of his ordination. Stationed in Philadelphia, Father Landherr is widely known here for his work with the hard of hearing and also teaches sign language to the seminarians of Immaculate Conception Seminary. Looking on is Msgr. Joseph A. Dooling, speaker at the dinner. Dinner chairman was Gladys Winter, chairman Mt. Carmel Gu. Ideal department.

1955 Catholic Deaf Unit Consecrated To Infant of Prague

The membership and the organization itself of the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson were consecrated to the Infant of Prague Sunday following Mass in Our Lady's Chapel of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist.

The Most Rev. James A. McNulty, D.D., Bishop of Paterson, offered the Mass, presided at the consecration and then addressed the members at their annual Communion breakfast in the Catholic Community Center.

The Rev. Joseph Gallo, assistant chaplain, conducted the consecration.

Bishop McNulty, whose address was "signed" to the members by Father Gallo, urged them to "pray to do penance and bring people back to God."

He complimented the members on the large attendance and also for placing statues of Our Lord and His Blessed Mother alongside the breakfast table.

"No matter what we do," the bishop said, "Our Dear Lord and His Blessed Mother, who are so anxious to help us, must be with us."

He urged the members to introduce again to Our Blessed Lord and His Blessed Mother, those people who do not practice their religion. Bishop McNulty concluding by promising the members that "I will ask Our Lord and His Mother to continue to send his blessings on you and yours."

The Rev. Victor Pavis, of the Mission of the Immaculate Conception, Staten Island, also was guest speaker. Father Pavis' address was translated into sign language by George Taylor, one of the founders of the society.

Father Pavis, who is in charge of 300 boys, children of broken homes, spoke on the importance of family life. He defined the word "home" and said the "H" stood for "happy home," the "O" for others who are to be put before the "ME" in the spirit of love and sacrifice.

Preceding the program, Bishop McNulty blessed an engagement ring for Robert Dowrimple, of Boonton, and Miss June Lee, of Glen Rock, both members of the society whose betrothal was announced at the breakfast.

President Robert Queenan presented the bishop with a spiritual bouquet on behalf of the organization.

Mr. Taylor announced that members have been invited to attend the dinner party of the Morris County Deaf Society to be held at the Old Mill Inn, Town House, 40 Park Pl., Morristown, Saturday, April 16. He also said members were asked to participate in the Spring festival of the North Jersey Silent Club, 211 Market St., Saturday evening.

Seated at the head table for the breakfast were: Bishop McNulty, Father Gallo, Father Pavis, Mr. Queenan, Mrs. Fred Schubert, breakfast chairman; Gladys Winters, who works with the deaf of Newark; Rocco Di Napoli, president of the North Jersey Silent Club, and John Carroll, chairman of the local organization's Committee for the Deaf building.

Catholic Deaf Socy Robert Queenan

Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson, at a meeting Sunday afternoon in the Catholic Community Center, 395 Main Street, Paterson, installed Robert Queenan, of Clifton, president for his third consecutive term.

Miss Theresa Leitner, the society's first president, was installing officer at the ceremonies which inducted Jack Ciano, as vice-president; John Carroll, secretary; Mrs. Frank Verrone, treasurer; William Foley, corresponding secretary, and Fred Schubert, sergeant-at-arms.

Induction services followed a religious service in Our Lady's Chapel of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Main and De Grasse Streets, Paterson. The Rev. Thomas Trapasso, assistant chaplain for the deaf, gave a sermon in the sign language, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and a short instruction.

Saturday evening, February 19, the club will sponsor a movie night at the Catholic Community Center when a feature will be a film on the recent convention of the International Catholic Deaf Association, held in New York City. Mrs. John Carroll is chairman.

The society's 14th annual communion breakfast will take place Sunday, March 20, in the community center following 10 o'clock mass in Our Lady's Chapel. The Most Rev. James A. McNulty, bishop of Paterson, will be celebrant. Mrs. Fred Schubert heads the arrangements committee and George S. Taylor, of Newark, will be toastmaster.

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Branchville is quite a distance from any deaf man's domicile and is about 60 miles from the Center of Catholic Deaf activities in Paterson. However, Father Molnar made it clear that he is still the Moderator of the deaf and will attend the meetings of the Diocesan Catholic Deaf Society whenever weather conditions permit. Father Joseph Gallo and Father Thomas Trapasso, both Associate Moderators of Paterson, will take care of most of our spiritual needs now. The drive for a Catholic school for the deaf will not be affected in the least by this promotion and transfer.

Father Molnar's new address is: Our Lady, Queen of Peace Rectory, Box 4, Branchville, N. J.

The extended "Ephpheta Sunday" collection in the diocesan parishes for the Catholic School for the Deaf Building Fund is concluded with the returns showing an amount over \$6,200.

While there is no doubt about the "Ephpheta Sunday" Appeal striking the responsive chord of many good hearts, it is generally agreed that the date was inopportune in that it conflicted with other church functions.

So, in 1955 we will solicit contributions at a time best suited to the convenience of each pastor, even as early as May, though keeping the gospel of Ephpheta Sunday as the theme for our appeal. The pastors advised: "Bring back."

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Rev. Thomas J. Trapasso

Diocesan Chaplain

Rev. Joseph Gallo

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HONORED: Robert Queenan makes a presentation to Rev. Stephen Landherr, C.S.S.R. The scene took place June 15 at a dinner at the Hotel Douglas, Newark, at which Father Landherr was honored by the deaf of North Jersey and New York on the 25th anniversary of his ordination. Stationed in Philadelphia, Father Landherr is widely known here for his work with the hard of hearing and also teaches sign language to the seminarians of Immaculate Conception Seminary. Looking on is Msgr. Joseph A. Dooling, speaker at the dinner. Dinner chairman was Gladys Winter, administrator Mt. Carmel Guidance Department.

Catholic Deaf Unit Consecrates Tolinfant of P

The membership and organization itself of the Catholic Society of the Diocese of Paterson were consecrated in Prague Sunday Mass in Our Lady's Cathedral of St. John the Baptist.

The Most Rev. James A. McNulty, D.D., Bishop of Paterson, presided at the Mass, presided over the consecration and then addressed members at their annual breakfast in the Catholic Community Center.

The Rev. Joseph Gallo, chaplain, conducted the service.

Bishop McNulty, who was "signed" to the members, Father Gallo, urged them to do penance and bring penance to God.

He complimented the members on the large attendance for placing statues of Our Lady and His Blessed Mother at the breakfast table.

"No matter what we do, we will do penance and bring penance to God," Bishop said. "Our Dear Mother, His Blessed Mother, will be anxious to help us, much more than we are."

He urged the members to come again to Our Lady and His Blessed Mother, people who do not practice religion. Bishop McNulty, by promising the members will ask Our Lord and His Mother to continue to send him on you and yours."

The Rev. Victor Pavia, Mission of the Immaculation, Staten Island, also spoke. Father Pavia's sermon was translated into sign language by George Taylor, one of the members of the society.

Father Pavia, who is in charge of 300 boys' children homes, spoke on the importance of family life. He defined "home" and said the others who are to be put "ME" in the spirit of sacrifice.

Preceding the program, Bishop McNulty blessed an offering ring for Robert Queenan, and Miss June Glen Hock, both members of the society whose betrothal was announced at the breakfast.

President Robert Queenan presented the bishop with a bouquet on behalf of the society.

Mr. Taylor announced that all have been invited to the dinner party of the County Deaf Society to be held at the Old Mill Inn Town Park Pk., Morristown, April 16. He also said they were asked to participate in the Spring festival of the New Jersey Silent Club, 211 Market Street, Morristown, Saturday evening.

Seated at the head table at breakfast were: Bishop McNulty; Father Gallo; Father Pavia; Robert Queenan; Mrs. Fred Schubert, breakfast chairman; Gladys Winter, who works with the deaf in Newark; Rocco Di Napoli, president of the North Jersey Club; and John Carroll, president of the Deaf building fund.

Catholic Deaf Soc Robert Queenan

Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson, at a meeting Sunday afternoon in the Catholic Community Center, 395 Main Street, Paterson, installed Robert Queenan, of Clifton, president for his third consecutive term.

Miss Theresa Leitner, the society's first president, was installing officer at the ceremonies which inducted Jack Ciano, as vice-president; John Carroll, secretary; Mrs. Frank Verrone, treasurer; William Foley, corresponding secretary, and Fred Schubert, sergeant-at-arms.

Induction services followed a religious service in Our Lady's Chapel of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Main and De Grasse Streets, Paterson. The Rev. Thomas Trapasso, assistant chaplain for the deaf, gave a sermon in the sign language. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and a short instruction.

Saturday evening, February 19, the club will sponsor a movie night at the Catholic Community Center when a feature will be a film on the recent convention of the International Catholic Deaf Association, held in New York City. Mrs. John Carroll is chairman.

The society's 14th annual communion breakfast will take place Sunday, March 20, in the community center following 10 o'clock mass in Our Lady's Chapel. The Most Rev. James A. McNulty, bishop of Paterson, will be celebrant. Mrs. Fred Schubert, chairman, has the arrangements completed and George S. Taylor, of Newark, will be toastmaster.

Catholic Deaf Society Honors Carroll



Members of the Catholic Deaf Society of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Paterson feted their secretary, John Carroll, Saturday, on the occasion of his recent election as president of the International Catholic Deaf Association. Shown in the group seated left to right are: Carroll, the Most Rev. James A. McNulty, DD, Bishop of Paterson; Mrs. Carroll. Standing in

the same order are: Richard Bowdren, New York, second vice-president of the ICDA; George S. Taylor, advisor of the local Society who served as dinner toastmaster; the Rev. John Patrick Hourihan, director of the Catholic Deaf Society in the Archdiocese of Newark; and Robert Queenan, president of the diocesan unit.

"From a good life will come a ring in the singing of 'Salve Regina,'" the Most Rev. James A. McNulty, D. D., Bishop of Paterson, told members of the Catholic Deaf Society of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Paterson Saturday evening.

The occasion was a surprise testimonial dinner held by the group for its secretary, John D. Carroll of Morristown, who recently was elected president of the International Catholic Deaf Association.

Speaking at the affair in the Catholic Community Center, Main St., Bishop McNulty complimented Mr. Carroll on his election in St. Louis, to the most responsible post in the international association.

"My first duty," said Bishop McNulty, "is to congratulate in the name of the Church of Paterson our new president who brings great honor on our diocese and to his many friends."

"It is a great joy to see one of our own elevated to such a high position. We know he will continue to serve his friends in the United States and Canada faithfully and with devotion," stated the prelate.

"The Bishop's official," by saying, "We wish Mr. Carroll God's blessings and great joy in the exalted office to which he has been elected."

Deaf Honor Their International Head

PATERSON—Bishop James A. McNulty was the principal speaker Saturday evening at a testimonial dinner given to John D. Carroll, 27 Court Street, Morristown, at the Catholic Community Center, 395 Main Street, Paterson. It was in honor of Carroll's election as president of the International Catholic Deaf Association at St. Louis, Mo. The dinner was sponsored by the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson, of which Robert Queenan, of Clifton, is president.

Carroll is secretary of the diocesan unit and chairman of the building fund for the proposed Catholic School for the Deaf in North Jersey.

George S. Taylor, Passaic County welfare commissioner, was toastmaster at the dinner. The entire proceedings were carried out in the sign language, with the exception of the address by Bishop McNulty, which was translated into signs by the Rev. John P. Hourihan, director for the deaf of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Besides Father Hourihan other speakers were: Richard Bowdren, of New York, second vice-president of the international association; John Dolan, president of the Morris Plains Catholic Deaf Society; Robert Queenan, Edwin Londregan, former secretary of the international association, and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll.

Mrs. Ann Potoryak lead the gathering in singing the "Salve Regina".

Checks were presented Carroll by the Paterson and the Morris Plains Societies.

THE ICDA'S 50% SHARE OF THE ST. LOUIS CONVENTION PROCEEDS ENABLED THE ASSOCIATION TREASURY TO REACH THE POINT WHERE WE WERE ABLE TO MAKE OUR FIRST MAJOR DONATIONS TO HELP

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DEAF LEADER HONORED: His wife looks on proudly as John D. Carroll, recently elected president of the International Catholic Deaf Association, receives the congratulations of Bishop McNulty. Mr. Carroll was recently honored by the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson of which he is secretary. At right is Robert Queenan, president of the diocesan group.



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Mr. Robert Queenan
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Dear Bob:

I would like to express my deep appreciation to you and the members of the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson for the wonderful testimonial dinner to honor me on the occasion of my election to presidency of the ICDA.

The whole thing really touched me! The evening was something that I will never, never forget in my life. What amazed me was the efficient way the committee made plans for the occasion not only to fete me and to make me feel I have the support of the Society in my new responsibility but also with an eye for good publicity which would mean a great deal for both the Society and the ICDA. The arrangement was really a masterpiece!

Also, I want to thank you all for the gift as a token of your good will. I am humbly thankful for all the kind sentiments thus manifested and I want to assure you that I will always do my best to bring great honor and be a good credit to the Society through my works for the ICDA.

In conclusion, may I earnestly ask prayers of the members of the Society to help make me a good president so that I may fulfill God's will in all ways to further the Catholic deaf cause? My heart is still singing "God bless all for making me so happy that Sat. evening!"

Most sincerely,

John D. Carroll

1955 Catholic Deaf Society Marks 15th Year



The Catholic Deaf Society of Paterson marked its 15th anniversary Sunday with a Communion breakfast in the Alexander Hamilton Hotel. Shown above, left to right, seated: George S. Taylor, guest of honor, founder of the Society; Mrs. Taylor; the Most Rev. James A. McNulty, D.D., Bishop of Paterson; Rev. Thomas Trapasso, moderator. Standing, Robert Queenan, president; John Carroll, president of the International Catholic Deaf Association; William Foley, chairman, and Frank Cunningham, speaker.

The Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson marked the 15th year of its founding Sunday at a Communion breakfast in the Alexander Hamilton Hotel. The Most Rev. James A. McNulty, D. D., Bishop of Paterson, celebrated the 10 a.m. Mass in Our Lady's Chapel of St. John the Baptist Cathedral.

Guest of honor was George S. Taylor of Passaic, president of the Passaic County Welfare Commission and long associated with the Society in an advisory capacity. In behalf of the group, President Robert Queenan presented Taylor with a cigarette lighter inscribed: "In appreciation of the work of the Catholic Deaf Society of Paterson 1941-1956." In 1941 the shop McLaughlin enlisted in founding the Society.

ciety because of the honored guest's friendly feeling for the deaf and his noted adeptness in the sign language.

Frank Cunningham, member of the group from Arlington, told about the religious training for the Catholic Deaf youth.

John Carroll, president of the International Catholic Deaf Association, cited the local Society for its "best Catholic spirit," and its work for the ICDA school and mission fund.

Robert Queenan, president, traced the history of the organization and lauded the efforts of Taylor, as well as Rev. Thomas Trapasso, moderator, and Rev. John Hourihan, Newark Archdiocesan moderator, both of whom spoke at the breakfast. He also thanked Rev. Joseph Gallo

of St. Michael's Church who served as toastmaster.

The gathering was welcomed by William Foley, chairman. Bishop McNulty was given a spiritual bouquet by the group and at the conclusion of the program conferred his blessing.

Called upon for recognition were: Allen Pease, president of the North Jersey Silent Club; Rita Walsh, president of the Social Club, Archdiocese of Newark; John DiOrio, president of the Morris County Catholic Deaf Center; Miss Theresa Leitner, charter president of the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson; Richard Bowdren, president of the New York Catholic Deaf Center and second president of the ICDA.

So many questions have been asked of us concerning our eight-year progress in the raising of funds for the proposed Catholic School for the Deaf in Northern New Jersey that we feel a publication of the 1955 fiscal report to give some ideas of our efforts would be in order, so we hereby submit this report through the medium of the ICDA NEWS. All the committee works from 1947 back have been and are still done by the members of the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson with the approval and cooperation of our Benefactor, the Bishop of Paterson. Rev. Thomas Trapasso is the director.

FISCAL REPORT FOR 1955 BUILDING SCHOOL FUND

INCOME

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| Proceeds from Nov. 6, 1954, | |
| Card Party | \$ 329.90 |
| Interests on Loans | 600.00 |
| *50-50 Club | 584.88 |
| Commissions from Sale of Bibles | 189.38 |
| Commissions from Sale of Catholic Instruction Books .. | 8.00 |
| Sale of Christmas Cards | 21.00 |
| Proceeds from Movie Affair .. | 14.55 |
| Proceeds from Bingo Affair .. | 41.85 |
| Refunds on two checks | 16.00 |
| Refund on check (for bingo purpose) | 150.00 |
| *Contributions | 654.30 |
| Church Collections | 6,045.17 |
| Interests on Bonds | 181.25 |
| Interests on Savings Accounts .. | 124.10 |

Total Incomes \$ 8,959.36

*Discontinued in the middle of the year when the new state law forbade such practice.

+Includes a donation of \$500 from the ICDA.

EXPENSES

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| Printing, stationery, etc. for Church Collection Campaign | \$ 15.00 |
| Postage for Church Collection Campaign | 12.42 |
| Index Cards | 3.60 |
| Envelopes, postage for other soliciting purposes | 229.19 |
| Cash Prizes for Bingo | 150.00 |

Total Expenses 410.21

RECAPITULATION

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| Total Incomes | \$ |
| Total Expenses | |

Net Profit \$ 8.5

REMARKS

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| Balance as of Dec. 31, 1954 | \$ |
| 1955 Additional Funds | 8,549.17 |

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| Checking Account — Dec. 31, 1955 | \$ 888.70 |
| Savings Account—Dec. 31, 1955 | 8,666.92 |
| Bonds—Dec. 31, 1955 .. | 5,500.00 |

\$ 15,055.62

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| Loaned to Certain Parties | 30,000.00 |
| Total | \$ 45,055.62 |

THE DRIVE COMMITTEE

Catholic Deaf Society Holds Breakfast



James A. McNulty, D.D., president, greets Mrs. Catherine Gallagher, president of Ephphatha Society of New York Chapter at the 16th annual Convention of the Catholic Deaf Society of Paterson. Left to right the group includes: Robert Queenan, Society president; Mrs. Gallagher John Carroll, president of the International Catholic Deaf Society; the Bishop; George Taylor, adviser; Mrs. Leon Potczak chairman and the Rev. Thomas Trapasso, moderator.

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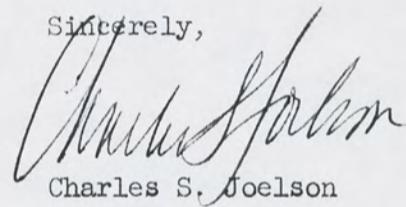
Mr. Robert Quinnam, President
Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson
Blessed Sacrament Church
277-6th Avenue
Paterson, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Quinnam:

I read that you have been elected president of the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson for the ninth consecutive time. It must be a source of great satisfaction to you to know that so many persons have such confidence in you.

I know that you are performing wonderful work in the realization that God's word is heard through the heart, not through the ears.

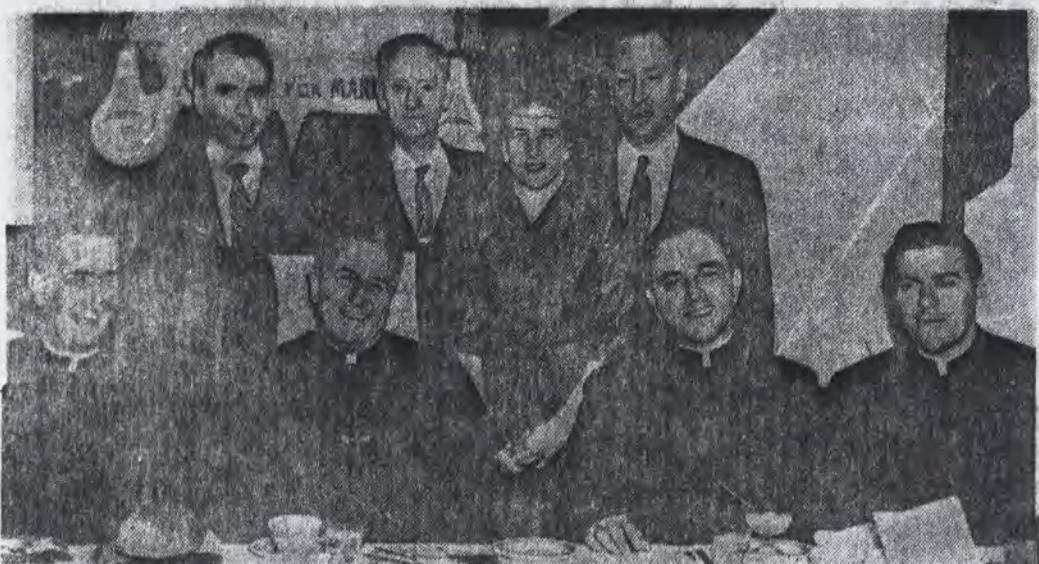
Sincerely,



Charles S. Joelson

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Catholic Deaf Society Holds Breakfast



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DIGNITARIES OF THE Catholic Deaf Society breakfast held Sunday morning from left to right are: First row: The Very Rev. Msgr. Joseph Gallo, guest of honor; Bishop James A. McNulty, the Rev. Thomas Trapasso, toastmaster and chaplain of the group and the Rev. John Hourihan, moderator of the Catholic Deaf Society for the Archdiocese of Newark. Second row: Robert Queenan, president of the local Catholic Deaf Society, George S. Taylor, president of the International Catholic Deaf Society, Miss Joan Lee, chairman of the breakfast, and John Carroll, president of the Passaic Catholic Deaf Society.

The Catholic Deaf Society held its 18th annual communion breakfast Sunday morning at the McBride Room of the Alexander Hamilton Hotel, following Mass at 10 a.m. in Our Lady's Chapel, St. John's Cathedral. Bishop James A. McNulty celebrated the Mass and distributed communion.

Miss Joan Lee, chairman of the breakfast, introduced the Rev. Thomas Trapasso, toastmaster. Bishop McNulty spoke about the Lenten season, stressing the importance of Holy Thursday and Good Friday. A spiritual bouquet was present to the Bishop by Robert Queenan, president of the organization.

The Very Rev. Msgr. Joseph Gallo, guest of honor, thanked the members for their messages of congratulations on his eleventh

anniversary. A wood carving of the Virgin Mary was presented to Msgr. Gallo by Queenan.

The guest speaker was the Rev. John Hourihan, moderator of the Catholic Deaf Society for the Archdiocese of Newark. Others were: George S. Taylor, president of the International Catholic Deaf Society and advisor to the local Deaf Association, and president of the Passaic County Welfare Board, and John Carroll, president of the Passaic Catholic Deaf Society.

Guests introduced by the toastmaster were: Mr. and Mrs. James DeVane of the Hackensack Deaf Center; Mrs. Walter Walsh, president of the Pastime Club of the Newark Catholic Deaf Center and Frank Cunningham of Newark.

The committee in charge of the breakfast included: Robert Queenan, Leon Potocak, Mrs. Leon Potocak, Andrew Poline, Fred Schubert, Mrs. Fred Schubert, Mrs. A. Venturino and Theresa Poline.

Russel Dundon led the Star Spangled Banner in sign language. All speakers, with the exception of Bishop McNulty, spoke orally and in the sign language. Father Trapasso translated.

Deaf Society Dines Priest, Their Director in Diocese

PATERSON—The Rev. Thomas Trapasso, director of the deaf of the Diocese of Paterson, was guest at a surprise dinner last evening at the Duet Plaza, Lafayette Street, by 60 members of the Catholic Deaf Society, in commemoration of the 10th anniversary of his ordination.

Father Trapasso, who studied at Seton Hall University, Immaculate Conception Seminary and the Catholic University at Washington, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Trapasso, of Rockaway, N.J. He was ordained in the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Paterson, by Archbishop Thomas A. Boland, then bishop of Paterson, in 1949. Father Trapasso was appointed assistant chaplain for the deaf of the diocese in 1951, and in 1955 was appointed by Bishop James A. McNulty to be diocesan director for the deaf.

Since his appointment Father Trapasso has started a school for deaf children and classes in religion are held every Saturday afternoon. A religious service is held for the adult deaf the first Sunday of every month in the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, of which the Rev. Pasquale R. Melo is pastor and Father Trapasso is assistant.

John M. Carroll, of Morris

Plains, past president of the International Deaf Society, was toastmaster at last night's dinner. He called upon several members who presented gifts to the guest of honor, among which were a hand painting of "The Virgin and Babe" in the manger. A purse, and a courtesy card from Norman Tattersall, sheriff of Passaic County. A corsage was given to Father Trapasso's mother.

Those who addressed the gathering all used the sign language. They were Robert Queenan, of Clifton, president of the society; Mrs. Theresa Poline, of Passaic, treasurer; Mrs. Francis Roeklein, president, Morris County Catholic Deaf Society; Fred Schubert, past secretary; Mrs. Lucy Morba, who recited a poem, and George S. Taylor, president of the Passaic County Welfare Board, adviser to the society and a trustee of the Catholic Deaf School Fund.

Because of a previous commitment, Bishop James A. McNulty was unable to attend the dinner.

Queenan was chairman of the dinner committee of Mrs. Poline, Mrs. Sarah Verrone, Mrs. Ann Potocak, Mrs. John Carroll and Michael Robertello.

Officers of the society will be elected in January.

BOWLING NEWS

The Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson, Chapter 3, is sparing no effort these days to insure the success of the second annual two-day ICDA Bowling Tournament in every way, according to General Chairman Russell Dundon. (See the advertisement elsewhere in this issue.)

He also said that invitations have already been sent out to chapters by Secretary Ann Potocak, and he expressed the committee's hope for more teams to participate this year.

Women, too, are invited to bowl for their own division competition. Mr. Dundon stressed that the more teams that respond to the invitation the better the spirit will be for everybody at the alleys, to say nothing about more attractive cash prizes for the winners in different events.

Mr. Dundon paid tribute to the Jersey City Chapter's initiative in recognizing the value of bowling competition, which prompted them to start the **first tourney** last year, and he said the Paterson group is happy to do its part to give the neighboring chapter's idea the momentum in the interest of better sporting sense and a closer bond of friendship among the Catholic deaf as becoming the aims and purposes of the Association.

(This reporter had never seen such a laughter-provoking tournament as he did in Jersey City then. Only beloved characters — winners or losers — could generate such merriment).

John Minno of 36 Bowers Street, Jersey City, is the ICDA bowling director. Chairman Dundon explained and therefore should be contacted for team entries. He is to take care of bowling details, such as schedule, handicaps, ABC sanction, etc.

Mrs. Theresa Poline is the treasurer, with Leon Potocak assisting her, as well as being in charge of solicitation of advertising contracts and boosters.

John Carroll handles publicity and printing.

Fred Schubert attends to the trophies. Hotel reservations may be secured through Arthur Tracy, 250 17th Avenue, Paterson 4, N.J.

Mr. Dundon pointed out the advantages the location of the Bowl-O-Mat Lanes (52 alleys) offers in the way of convenience for the tournament. It is easily accessible by motor to all leading roads, such as Garden State Parkway, New Jersey Turnpike, Routes 46, 4 and S3.

Bus service is always good in that part of the city. The place is near St. George's School where there will be a dance and entertainment the Saturday evening of the tournament. Also not far is where Mass will be offered for the deaf Sunday morning — the Chapel of Our Lady of St. John the Baptist Cathedral, where Father Thomas Trapasso, Diocesan Moderator of the Deaf, will also welcome the visitors. The church is but 10 minutes' walk from the hotel.

Speaking of the ball and entertainment, Robert Queenan is the chairman of this social affair. The awarding of trophies and prizes will be the feature, too. Mrs. Margaret Carroll will be in charge of door prizes, with Mrs. Sarah Verrone attending to refreshments. More help will be named later.

An annual meeting of the bowling officers is also planned. Each captain, officer and representative will be asked to attend. It is hoped that Ernest Maitre of Detroit, Head Sports Director, will be present.

Carroll Renamed Head of Internat'l. Catholic Deaf Society
John Carroll, secretary of the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson, was reelected president of the International Catholic Deaf Society for a second term at the group's eighth annual convention in Toronto.
More than 500 delegates, including many from the Paterson Diocese and the Archdiocese of Newark attended the convention.
The Rev. Thomas Trapasso, of Paterson, is moderator of the local society. Robert Queenan, of Clifton, is president.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM
SECOND ANNUAL
Chapter BOWLING Tournament

Conducted by the
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I.C.D.A. CHAPTER NO. 3



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CATHOLIC DEAF SOCIETY, INC.
PATERSON CHAPTER 3

OFFICERS
For the year 1959

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| Very Rev. Msgr. Joseph Gallo | <i>Associate Moderator</i> |
| Robert Queenan | <i>President</i> |
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| Arthur Tracy | <i>Secretary</i> |
| Theresa Poline | <i>Treasurer</i> |
| Anna Potoczak | <i>Corresponding Secretary</i> |
| Margaret Carroll | <i>ICDA Liaison Officer</i> |
| George S. Taylor | <i>Advisor</i> |

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| Michael Robertiello | <i>Trophies</i> |
| Andrew Poline | <i>Tickets</i> |
| Sarah Verrone, Fred Schubert, Jr., and Arthur Roecklein | <i>Refreshments</i> |
| Michael Sorbello | <i>Entertainment</i> |
| Margaret Carroll, Joan Lee | <i>Floor</i> |

SCHOOL FUND FISCAL REPORT (1959)

Balance as of December 31, 1958 \$16,386.88

Incomes

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| Interest on Saving Bonds | \$ 81.25 |
| Interests on Loans from Church | 900.00 |
| Interest on Loan from Church | 300.00 |
| Refund--Sale of Bible Books | 100.00 |
| Proceeds from Movie Affair | 12.39 |
| Donations | 25.00 |
| Interest on Bonds | 68.75 |
| Proceeds from Sale of Stoles | <u>45.00</u> |
| | 1,532.39 |
| | <u>\$17,919.27</u> |

Expenses

None

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Remarks

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| Checking, December 31, 1959 | \$2,635.48 |
| Savings, December 31, 1959 | 9,783.79 |
| Bonds, December 31, 1959 | <u>5,500.00</u> |
| Fund Treasury | \$17,919.27 |
| Loaned to churches | \$40,000.00 |
| | <u>\$57,919.27</u> |

Submitted by

John D. Carroll, Co-Chairman

1959

The Catholic Deaf Society of
the Diocese of Paterson

December 26, 1959

This bulletin will be the first of many that you will receive monthly. I, your priest, have been anxious for a long time to have some way of reaching you with a few thoughts occasionally. Here's hoping that you will enjoy it. I would like your suggestions.

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CHRISTMAS has passed and it's a good time to look back and see how you spent it. Was it a truly CHRISTIAN CHRISTMAS, or just another holiday? CHRISTMAS is the most wonderful day we can imagine. Why? Because we remember that Jesus, the Son of God, became man - just think what that means. God is all powerful, he can do all things. He created the World and everything in the World. This same God became one of us. God was born into the world. The little Babe of Bethlehem is our Lord and our God. That's why we should be so happy and filled with joy. God loves us. He has proved that many times. So, again, I ask:

"How did you spend CHRISTMAS?

"Did you remember to wish Our Lord happy birthday?

"Did you spend the day with our Lord?"

It is my wish that you all had the blessings of God in your homes and in your heart.

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There will be a meeting of the Catholic Deaf Society on Sunday, January 3, 1960 at Blessed Sacrament Church at 3:00 P.M. Please try to come.

Place: 6th Avenue and East 16th Street

Many thanks to all the deaf who sent your truly Christmas greetings.

Happy New Year to all of you.

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Laugh of the month:

He - "If you don't marry me, I'll die."

She - "I will not marry you."

End of the story - 75 years later he died.

Father Trapasso

1960

Deaf Society Has Communion Break



Paterson News Photo

BISHOP JAMES A. McNULTY was guest of honor Sunday at the Communion breakfast of the Catholic Deaf Society, held at the Alexander Hamilton Hotel. Others attending included, all in sight, seated: the Very Rev. Msgr. Joseph Gallo, Bishop McNulty and the Rev. Thomas Trapasso, moderator; standing, Frank Cunningham, RSG; Robert Queenan, president; County Welfare Commissioner George S. Taylor, advisor, and Fred Schubert, breakfast chairman.

Diocesan Catholic Deaf Hold Communion Event

The Diocesan Catholic Deaf San chaplin for the deaf and Association yesterday held a moderator of the society; the corporate Communion and Communion breakfast. Celebrant of the Mass in the Chapel of Our Lady in St. John Cathedral was and society advisor; John Carroll, past president of the International Catholic Deaf Society; Fred Schubert, chairman of the dinner; Robert Queenan, president of the society; and Rev. Thomas J. Capasso, diocesan

Bishop McNulty was also principal speaker at the breakfast in the Alexander Hamilton Hotel. Other speakers were the Rev. Thomas J. Capasso, diocesan

Also at the breakfast were Sister Lorenzia, MPF and Sister Rose, MPF, both teachers of deaf children. Mrs. Rose Dangline presented a gift to the Catholic School for the Deaf of Paterson.

Mrs. Theresa Poline was co-chairman of the breakfast.



WELCOME BISHOP — Three young members of the Catholic Deaf Society welcome Bishop James A. McNulty to the group's communion breakfast yesterday morning in

the Alexander Hamilton Hotel. Left to right are John Saldarini, Bishop Mc Nulty, Linda Kolowski, Rev. Thomas Trapasso, moderator; and Judith Belle.

CATHOLIC DEAF NEWS

OF THE DIOCESE OF PATERSON

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Issue 5

May 1960

The Board and the Publication Committee were very grateful to realize that the new monthly bulletin has aroused encouraging interest among the deaf in the diocese. Nevertheless, the Publication Committee would like to state here that while they are determined to make the paper as newsy as possible, the chief purpose is to make the readers aware of the activities of the Paterson Catholic Deaf Society and the Morris County Catholic Deaf Center in Morristown as well as to remind the deaf that they have the priests in the diocese who know the signs and who always welcome the opportunity to meet and know as many deaf as possible. The Catholic Deaf News will serve admirably the purpose of Father Trapasso and his assistants to reach as many deaf as possible with words of God and His great love for them. It is also the duty of this publication to encourage attendance at church services for the deaf whenever necessary for we hold the view that while the primary purpose of such devotion is for the spiritual benefits of the deaf themselves, the moderators should be made to feel that their sacrifice of time to learn the sign language on voluntary basis while in their seminary days in order to give the deaf such necessary spiritual advantages, had not been made in vain. Such is our policy!

Your Moderator
Father Trapasso

Palm Sunday was a great day for Father Trapasso. His new church was dedicated. It is very beautiful.

Fifteen of our members traveled to Wallington, N.J. to hear Father Egan of Chicago preach at the mission, was a very interesting speaker. We all decided that he looked like Mickey Rooney. We liked him a lot.

Orchids to Robert Queenan for the fine job he did to arrange the testimonial dinner as held recently in Newark to honor Frank Cunningham, KSG and Miss Gladys Winter, the happy recipients of Papal decorations. He is always that considerate.

Pitting her bowling prowess against over 3,000 contestants in the recent Eastern Women's Handicap Bowling Classic sponsored by the New York Journal-American, Frances Roecklein managed to place herself in line for one of the cash prize awardings; her position being 132nd in the singles event. She is the only deaf bowler about whom the Morris County outfit can brag.

1960

ICDA Bowling

When it comes to entertaining the visitors, the Brooklyn Chapter doesn't believe the host has to be too gracious -- hence the spirited battle of their team "A" to successfully defend their championship title against twelve teams in the ICDA Bowling Tournament in Brooklyn April 2 - 3. Team "A" of N.Y. Chapter failed to dethrone the title holders by only two pins and had to be content with second place.

Only one of three teams from the Diocese of Paterson managed to measure up to their usual form -- Paterson "B" captained by Anthony Venturini, who were good enough to capture 4th place. Fred Schubert proved to be a stand-out with a 473 series; his best single being 183. Venturini rolled a 460. Joseph Crudella made a fine comeback with a 199 second after a poor start which recorded 99 and he had to be satisfied with 438 as his series score. Sal Trentacost and Omil Morano tried their hardest but they had to accept 405 and 391 respectively as the day's efforts. The aggregate team score was 2519 including a 312 handicap.

The surprise of the tournament was the poor showing of the Paterson "A". Captain Charles Malinowski could only muster an aggregate of 438; Michael Sorbello, winner of two years ago's all events, 470 and Russell Dundon 405. Leon Potoczak did all right for his usual average - 435 while Michael Bova fell below form, too, with a 391. So, because of the low 171 handicap, they just had to consider themselves 9th place outfit for the day, though the team score of 2139 was something better than a few other quintets! This reporter learned those kelgers fared better in the doubles and singles events the next day but he did not receive the score sheets. So read the ICDA News for the complete results of the two days' tournament.

It seemed the Morris County team was more effective in missing the pins than in toppling them as attested to by the following individual series scores: Charles Pergentile (with his sore thumb) 290; John Carroll 306; Capt. John DiOrio (still trying to shake off his long slump) 337; Art Roeklein (hot and cold - oh, how cold he was then) 355 and Delton Hill (the perfectionist) 406. Yet, thanks to the 529 handicap which upped the team score to 2233, the usually cellar dwellers were very happy to climb to the 10th place. The next day found Delton Hill with Carmen Orefice of Newark as partner one of the leaders in the doubles events.

The business meeting of the ICDA Sports Officers and team captains which took place that Saturday morning prior to the tournament, was highlighted by the acceptance of the Newark Chapter's bid for the November 1961 bowling tournament site. There was discussion centered on the necessity of having the women who are members of the ICDA, hold their own bowling competition, too and it was finally agreed that they should have a set of own officers to start the ball rolling in the right direction. ICDA President Richard Bowdren who sat in the chair during the meeting, gave a short speech praising the fine spirit of sports-minded leaders which has been responsible for leading more and more deaf to the ICDA.



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F. J. CUNNINGHAM

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Mr. Cunningham, a retired printer for the International Ticket Co. of Newark, edited the Newark Apostolate, a newspaper for the deaf. He also wrote a monthly column for The Auditor, a Catholic newspaper for the deaf published in Trenton.

In 1959, Mr. Cunningham was made a Knight of St. Gregory by Pope John XXIII. He also was a member and past president of the Officers of Knights and Ladies of De L'Epee of New York, past president of the Deaf Holy Name Society of the Mount Carmel Guild of Newark and was secretary of the Newark Chapter of International Catholic Deaf Assn. He also was one of the founders of the pasture of the Newark Catholic Deaf Center.

He leaves two daughters, Miss Terry Cunningham and Mrs. Kathleen Sullivan, both of Kearny; two brothers, Bernard of Teaneck and John of Flushing, L.I., and three grandchildren.

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In 1959, Mr. Cunningham made a Knight of St. Gregory by Pope John XXIII. He also was a member and past president of Officers of Knights of De L'Epee of Newark, past president of the Deaf Name Society of the Mount Carmel Guild of Newark and secretary of the Newark Council of International Catholic Deaf Assn. He also was one of the founders of the pastime Newark Catholic Deaf Club.

He leaves two daughters, Terry Cunningham and Mrs. Leean Sullivan, both of Kearny; brothers, Bernard of Teaneck and John of Flushing, L.I., and grandchildren.

The funeral will be Thursday from the Reid home for Fr. John Carroll, 585 Belgrave Drive, St. Stephen's Church for a 10 a.m.

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Deaf Society Has Communion Breakfast



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BISHOP JAMES McNULTY, spiritual leader of Paterson Diocese, greets Robert Queenan, president of the Paterson Catholic Deaf Society, at a Communion breakfast for that group held yesterday at the Alexander Hamilton Hotel. Left to right, foreground are: Queenan, Rev. Thomas Trapasso, assistant pastor of Blessed Sacrament R. C. Church, moderator, and Bishop McNulty. In the rear are: Rev. Bernard De Coste, moderator of the Diocesan Society for the Catholic Deaf; John Carroll, toastmaster and Miss Mary Jane Merrill, chairman. The deaf group received Communion at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist.

Some 100 members of the Paterson Catholic Deaf Society received Communion yesterday morning at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist and attended a breakfast later in the Alexander Hamilton Hotel. At the breakfast they were led by the Rev. Bernard De Coste, diocesan moderator of the Diocesan Society for the Deaf, that

it was their obligation to strive to take their places in a hearing world. He urged that they comport themselves so that both in their use of sign language and their way of life to be accepted without question in the society of hearing citizens. He said that through prayer and dedication this goal could be achieved.

AT DEAF CONVENTION: Delegates from the Newark Archdiocese and Paterson Diocese to last week's convention of the International Catholic Deaf Association in Chicago are greeted by Rev. John P. Hourihan, Newark archdiocesan director of the Mt. Carmel Guild Apostolate for the Deaf. With him, from left, are: Edward Bradley, Newark; Robert Queenan, Paterson; Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Higgins, Jersey City; Mrs. Frances Leitner, Morristown, and David Craghan, Wallington.

Bishop James A. McNulty was celebrant of the Mass.

John Carroll officiated as toastmaster at the breakfast and Miss Mary Jane Merrill was chairman. Robert Queenan is president of the Paterson Society and the Rev. Thomas Trapasso, assistant pastor of Blessed Sacrament R. C. Church, is moderator.



Paterson Call photo

DEPARTURE CEREMONY of Bishop McNulty receiving plaque from his Paterson Deaf Society Officers.

PATERSON'S COMMUNION

Bishop James McNulty of Paterson at the annual Communion Breakfast held by the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson Sunday, March 3, in the Blessed Sacrament School auditorium concluded his farewell speech with the words to this effect, "I will see you again at the ICDA Convention in Buffalo, and it will be like meeting old friends" when he was surprised to receive from the hands of President Anna Potoczak on behalf of the Paterson Society and John DiOrio on behalf of the Morris County Society, of which he is an officer, a very handsome plaque with the following inscription:

"To the Most Rev. James A. McNulty, Bishop of Buffalo. We, the undersigned, extend to you our heartfelt thanks for your years of fatherly interest. May God continue to bless your apostolic labor. The Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson. March 3rd, 1963."

His Excellency was visibly moved. Just then, as though on a signal, over 125 deaf, some of whom brought their children with them, fell into line to kneel down and kiss his ring as a gesture of affectionate farewell. It was a most moving sight — not likely to be forgotten by many of us in a long, long time to come. After the Bishop departed, Toastmaster John Carroll was just lucky when he succeeded in bringing the program to its completion.

Orchids to Chairlady Dorothy Sorbello and her committee for the program so well arranged! Father Trapasso and President Anna Potoczak also spoke. Mrs. Patricia Smolen, with the accompaniment of a record for the benefit of hearing persons, rendered "God Bless America" in graceful rhythm that only the properly used sign-language can impart. The choir was represented by Edward Smolen, Arthur Tracy, Mrs. Sorbello and Mrs. Potoczak.

Among others called to speak a few

words were Past President Robert Queenan, Miss Gladys Winter and Miss Irene Kelly of the Mount Carmel Guild for the Deaf Department in the Archdiocese of Newark and Sister Venard, a Trinitian nun who used to work with the deaf.

The following is the text of the Bishop's speech:

"Since I came to Paterson almost 10 years I have come year after year to enjoy our Holy Mass together and the breakfast following. I would never miss such a wonderful day, for you give me much happiness and so much inspiration. We are gathering today for our last time together in Paterson, but I am looking forward to the opportunity of seeing you at the Convention in Buffalo in July, and I want you to know that wherever I am you are welcome and at home, and so when we meet again in Buffalo this summer it will be old friends getting together."

"Naturally, it pleases me to see each and everyone of you receiving our Blessed Lord in Holy Communion, and I've always felt that one of my nicest privileges is to give Holy Communion to you because to my mind I am then giving you the nicest gift within my power. I am giving you our Lord and at the same time we are saying to you the nicest words possible, asking our Eucharistic Savior to safeguard your soul all eternity and surely there is nothing better, nothing nicer, nothing more important than saving our souls for God. We pray our Blessed Lord will be your companion in all the years of your life."

"Today at Holy Mass Father Amanda-lare gave us a valuable instruction on the meaning of opposition in our life, on the work of the devil being done by evil men and evil women. Our Lord understands this, and that is why He has given us His Mother to protect us and to love us and to keep us faithful to our God."

"Let that be then my final instruction, with words of gratitude from the bottom of my heart — gratitude for all your goodness to me, all the wonderful example you give to me. I pray God may bless you abundantly always and may His Blessed Mother hold the best place in your heart. God bless you and I will see you in Buffalo in July."



SIGN LANGUAGE BLESSING — Rev. Thomas J. Trapasso, director of the Paterson Catholic Deaf Society, translates Bishop McNulty's blessing at the group annual Communion breakfast March 3 at Blessed Sacrament, Paterson. (Father Trapasso is making the sign for "God.") The Bishop invited the group to Buffalo, his new diocese, where the Catholic Deaf Convention will be held in July.

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LETTERS, TELEGRAMS, MASS-CARDS: with messages of sympathy and sadness, came from all parts of England, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland.

IRELAND: Bro O'Riordain came across from Dublin, to represent St. Joseph's Cabra, at Canon's Funeral. Telegrams were received from St. Mary's Cabra, St. Joseph's Cabra, also from Dublin Deaf.

BIRMINGHAM: Fr. Nightingale offered Mass for Canon Hayward in Deaf Club Chapel, Birmingham. Mrs. Guppy wrote, and sent money for ten Masses collected by Birmingham Deaf.

GLASGOW: Fr. Sweeney spoke to me by phone - he and Fr. O'Farrell were on Priests' Retreat, and so could not come to the Funeral. A letter was received from Fr. O'Connell (before, Chaplain to Deaf, Dublin - now in Glasgow). Sister Brendan wrote a very nice letter - she is having 30 Gregorian Masses offered for Canon Hayward at Buckfast Abbey. John Gaffrey came all the way from Glasgow to represent Glasgow Deaf at the Funeral.

LEEDS: MGR. KELLY, V.G., and also two Sisters from St. John's School, Boston Spa, came for Funeral. Mr. Ashley wrote and sent money for Masses, collected from the boys at St. John's, Boston Spa.

LIVERPOOL: Special Mass was offered in Deaf Club Chapel on Sunday 20 January. MGR. ADAMSON, V.G., who very much admired Canon's work, said how sorry he was to hear of Canon Hayward's death. Sister Anthony came to the Funeral to represent Catholic Deaf Club, Shaw Street.

NEWCASTLE: there will be REQUIEM MASS for Canon Hayward, at ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, NEWCASTLE on Saturday 9 February at 10a.m. - many Deaf will go to this Mass. BISHOP CUNNINGHAM wrote to tell us of his surprise and sorrow to hear the news about Canon's death. A letter was also received from Bro. McCormick - he wrote to all Newcastle Deaf, telling the sad news.

PRESTON: MGR. EATON, V.G. of Lancaster gave a message of sorrow, and said he would offer Mass. Some of our Preston Deaf friends came here Sunday and Monday in spite of awful weather, to show their respect. A kind letter was received from Mr. Gibbins, Superintendent of Preston Deaf Club; he could not come to the Funeral himself, but he sent in his place a Catholic member of his Staff - Miss M. McNamee. Mr. Gibbins sent a Mass offering, asking if I could say a SPECIAL Mass for Canon Hayward in the Chapel of Preston Deaf Club.

LONDON: Fr. MacAtarsney came from London to represent London Catholic Deaf at the Funeral. A nice letter was received from Sister M. Clare - she sent a Mass offering also. Letters were received from the two Mr. Kelly's.

MANCHESTER: On Sunday 13 January, when Canon Hayward's body was here at the Club, the Deaf made a collection among themselves for Masses for his soul - they collected £13-14-6!!

Our Vicar General has told me that Bishop Beck has appointed me his Chaplain for the Deaf. This means I will go on working for the Deaf the same as Canon Hayward did before - with Missions, News Sheet, Club work, etc. I am very happy to work with the Deaf, and Canon Hayward's prayers in Heaven now, will help me in this work. We hope Fr. Phelan will be able to come here for Mass and Benediction when I am away on Missions. All of us are glad that Miss Hayward is staying on at the Club to help me.

NEXT PRESTON MASS - Sunday 24 February. NEWCASTLE MISSION - Sat. 2 and Sun. 3 MARCH.
LIVERPOOL MISSION - Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 MARCH.

WITH BEST WISHES,
FROM FR. C. HOLLYWOOD.

January 18, 1963

Bob Queenan Day

A good crowd applauded the look of surprise on the face of Robert Queenan Saturday evening, Feb. 9, when he was ushered unsuspectingly by Father Trapasso into what turned out to be a testimonial buffet staged in his honor at the Blessed Sacrament school auditorium, Paterson, N. J.

Father Trapasso had schemed with the family of Bob to send him to the rectory first. The scheme really worked beautifully, judging from the way Bob looked. He now knows the members of his family better when he saw them present, too, and realized how clever they had been in keeping the secret from him so long.

Co-chairmen Charles Malinowski and Fred Schubert presented, on behalf of the Catholic Deaf Society, a handsome plaque and a purse to the guest of honor. The plaque bore the following inscription:

"Robert J. Queenan — In Appreciation of His Fine Leadership Qualities as President of the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson for Ten One-Year Terms — 1963."

Speeches were in order. The family of Bob were not forgotten to be singled out for praise because it is well known that the retiring president had such a fine home training to make him grow up to be so admirable a character and so outstanding a leader in local Catholic deaf circles as he is today. John D. Carroll served as toastmaster.

The surprise of surprises of the evening was when Father Trapasso read a letter from Bishop McNulty felicitating the guest of honor on the occasion. The letter read:

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Bishop Addresses Deaf Society



A COMMUNION-BREAKFAST speech by Bishop James J. Navagh to the Catholic Deaf Society is relayed in sign language by Rev. Thomas Trapasso, moderator. The communion breakfast commemorated the society's 24th anniversary and was held Sunday morning at St. Gerard's R. C. Church, West Broadway. From left, seated: Edward Smolen, Mrs. Andrew Poline, chairman, Robert Queenan, president of the society. Standing, from left: Bishop Navagh and Father Trapasso.

BISHOP NAVAGH'S LAST PUBLIC APPEARANCE WITH THE DEAF BEFORE GOD CALLED HIM TO ETERNAL REWARD MARCH 1965

Bishop James Navagh again honored the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson, ICDA Chapter 3, with his presence when it had its annual Communion Breakfast at St. Gerard's Recreation Room Sunday, March 14. Mrs. Theresa Poline was the chairlady, while Edward Smolen acted as toastmaster.

During the course of his speech, His Excellency revealed how lucky Father Thomas Trapasso was to be the priest-moderator of the deaf. He said that when he reassigned Father early in January he kept in mind that Father had better be centrally located so his deaf friends would not have it hard to find him. Therefore he assigned him to St. Gerard's, right in the center of Paterson, rather than out in Sussex County somewhere, as is the diocesan custom with the assignment of the priests who are becoming pastors for the first time. Bishop said that the only thing Father Trapasso should do right away is to thank his deaf friends for keeping him in Paterson.

The warm congratulation of the society is extended to the sister organization in the same diocese, known in ICDA circles as "Bishop McLoughlin Chapter 35 of Morris County" on the occasion of the 15th anniversary of its founding. President of the ICDA, Emil Ladner, has appointed Mrs. Catherine Gallagher to represent the ICDA at their dinner dance affair on May 15. Delton Hill, with John Dolan and John Carroll assisting, is in charge.

MAY, 1965

Rosemary daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schuberth of Paterson, Carol daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smith of Paterson, and Carol Anne daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ciano of Teaneck, N.J., received their first Holy Communion. Congratulations to these sweet girls.

The Seventh Annual Christmas Dinner held at the swanky Casino de Chariz in Totowa on Dec. 11 under the sponsorship of the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson, ICDA Chapter #3, proved to be another happy success. Considering the fact that it cost \$7 per plate, the occasion attracted a surprisingly good crowd — 120 persons, to be exact.

Chairman Robert Queenan and his capable committee saw fit to honor our Miss ICDA by inviting Miss Andrea Haas, a teacher at New Jersey School for the Deaf in Trenton, to be with us that evening. To our delight Miss Haas, who was voted Miss ICDA at the Philadelphia convention, favored us with a beautiful rendition of the Star Spangled Banner as well as with her admirable interpretations of a few Christmas selections that only the well-trained hand signs could convey with such meaning. Mr. Patricia Smolen sang "Silent

Nights" in awe-inspiring tones. Father Thomas Trapasso and President Edward Smolen gave appropriate speeches. The chaplain thanked the Society for the Christmas gift they had given him. Door prizes in the form of useful items were given away to the holders of the lucky numbers.

The person who traveled farthest to attend the dinner, was Patrick Graybill, now teaching at Kendall School in Washington, D.C. We were delighted to see him.

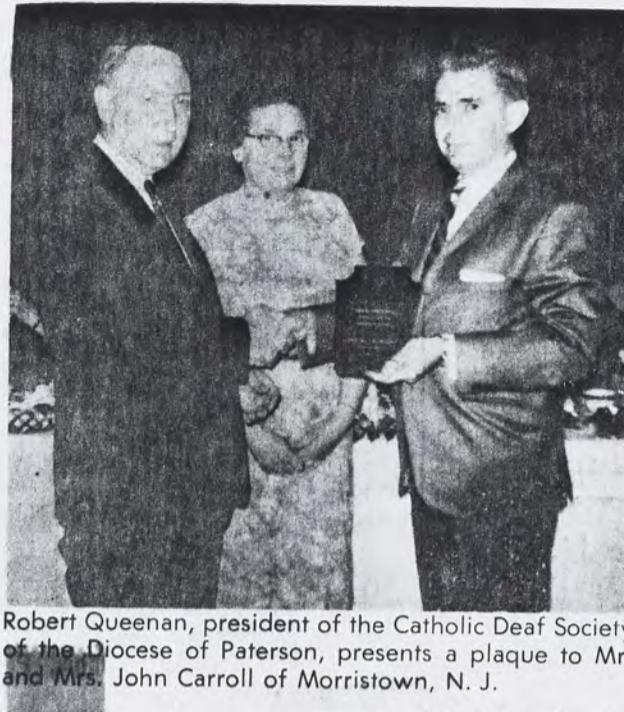
Now, as though he has not been busy enough, Mr. Queenan is turning his attention to the preparations for what he hopes to be a very proper celebration of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Society.

As chairman, he has announced that a 4 p.m. Mass at St. Gerard Church, 501 West Broadway, Paterson, Sunday, March 20, 1966, will be offered to thank God for all the blessings and favors the Society has drawn for the past 25 years. Immediately after the Mass, the members and friends will repair to the Brownstone House, only two blocks way from the church, for banquet purposes. There will be floor entertainment during the banquet, too.

New Jersey School for the Deaf to change the named for Mrs. Katzenbach

Gov. Richard J. Hughes signed into law on April 13 a bill renaming the N. J. School for the Deaf in honor of Mrs. Mamie Katzenbach, who recently retired as president of the State Board of Education after serving 43 years. Mrs. Katzenbach, 83, is the mother of U. S. Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach.

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Robert Queenan, president of the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson, presents a plaque to Mr. and Mrs. John Carroll of Morristown, N. J.



Present (left to right) were John Carroll, Msgr. Joseph Gallo, Mrs. John Carroll, Mrs. Catherine Gallagher, Rev. Thomas Trapasso and Robert Queenan.

Catholic Deaf of The Diocese of Paterson Honor Mr. and Mrs. John Carroll

Over 120 persons attended the dinner of the Bishop McLaughlin Society of the Deaf, Morris County, N. J. for the 10th Anniversary of its founding held May 15 at DeMairo's Restaurant, Whippany, N. J. The surprise of the evening was a presentation of a handsome plaque, to Mr. and Mrs. John Carroll of Morristown

on behalf of the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson in appreciation of their giving unstintingly of their time to the Society, of which they have been members for many years.

Mr. John Carroll has served the office of secretary of the Society so well. For every meeting he and his wife were always there in good or bad weather. The banquet was enjoyed by all of us who attended and we are sure that this pleasant occasion shall long remain in our memories in the years to come.

At the head table were Msgr. Joseph Gallo, Rev. Thomas Trapasso, Mrs. Frances Roecklein, president of this Society, John Carroll, Delton Hill, chairman, Mrs. Catherine Gallagher, first vice-president of the I.C.D.A., and Robert Queenan, president of Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson, N. J.

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NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE OF THE I.C.D.A.

The first New Jersey Conference of the International Catholic Deaf Association was held on Sunday, May 23rd, 1965 at 3:00 P.M. in St. Patrick's Pro-Cathedral school hall on Central Avenue and Washington Street, Newark, N.J. with the Newark Chapter #55 acting as the host. Seven out of 8 chapters in the state responded to the invitation by sending their respective representatives there.

REPORT BY ROBERT L. QUEENAN OF CHAPTER #3
PATERSON, NEW JERSEY

In discussing the working of International Catholic Deaf Association. I want to add that the idea of such an organization is wonderful. Not only does it give us, the Catholic deaf, the opportunity to meet deaf from all parts of our country and Canada, but it also gives the deaf a solid voice not only in government, but in the church as well many great things have come to the deaf because of I.C.D.A. For example a whole group of nuns, priests and teachers were given a three day workshop on working for and teaching the deaf at government expense and Mission Fund to help many worthy causes. I think this would not have happened without I.C.D.A.

Chapter #3 of the International Catholic Deaf Association is under Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson, Inc. This Society was established 24 years ago by Bishop Thomas McLaughlin, the first bishop of Paterson. The diocese of Paterson has a part time chaplain, Rev. Thomas Trapasso. We have about 70 members and the Chapter #3 have 15 members. There are large turnouts for communion breakfast each year, socials and church service, but a small percentage attend the regular monthly meetings.

Let me discuss some opinions of I.C.D.A. Chapter #3, a problem in our Society. As you may know our Society is very active and our Chapter #3 is not.

We of the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson do not mean to criticize the I.C.D.A. but we think you should know how we honestly feel

We would like to explain why there are more active members in our society than in I.C.D.A. Chapter #3. We feel we have an obligation to spend more time and effort in the society than in the chapter. This tends to make the chapter weak. We feel members have an obligation to belong to the society in their own home first and their bishops and moderators expect them to watch out for themselves and the I.C.D.A. should be in the background. We quote the words of Cardinal Cushing during the 1952 Convention in Boston, "The I.C.D.A., being like the Knights of Columbus, part of the lay apostolate working hand in hand with the hierarchy, should be in the background watching to see how such centers fare and supporting poor ones with whatever financial means they

have at their disposal. Their role should be that of safeguarding the spiritual well-being of the deaf especially the poor".

As you may possibly know many Catholic deaf persons in our State have little interest in the I.C.D.A., and as well as the Catholic way of life. One of the main reasons is they do not understand what it means to serve God by joining the association. This is our problem to get more members to work for the good of the society. We have a few good, long standing, faithful, loyal members who work together hand in hand.

This is the biggest problem, because there is a lack of Catholic School for the deaf in the State of New Jersey. The most any school in New Jersey offers Catholic education, is once week for a half hour. This is too little and definitely not enough for any Catholic deaf person to understand their own religion. A very high percentage of the outstanding leaders of the Catholic deaf attended out of State Catholic Schools where they were educated, and they themselves give splendid examples of their religious learning and in turn are excellent representatives of their own organizations.

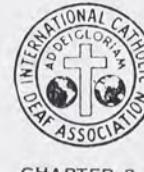
I propsoe that all sections of New Jersey have a Catholic club get together to discuss and review our problems and maybe unite so we can improve our centers with the I.C.D.A. watching over us.

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CHAPTER 3

10 Cleveland Street
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May 19, 1965

Mr. Robert Queenan, President
Paterson Catholic Deaf Society
11 Dumont Avenue
Clifton, New Jersey

Dear Bob:

Margaret and I want to thank you, Father Trapasso and the members of the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson for the kind sentiments which prompted the awarding of the plaque to us. We were really surprised. Also, I liked your speech. It was very good and you are to be congratulated for it.

Again, our sincere thanks -- and God bless you all!

Sincerely yours,

John D. Carroll

John D. Carroll

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FOR EVERYONE — Rev. Thomas J. Trapasso translates into sign language the talk of Mary Reed Newland at the Liturgy Day of the Paterson Diocese Dec. 4 at Morris

Catholic High School. Father Trapasso acted as interpreter for members of the Catholic Deaf Society of the Paterson Diocese, for which he is moderator.

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Paterson Society for Deaf Celebrating Silver Jubilee

PATERSON — The Catholic Deaf Society of the Paterson Diocese will celebrate its 25th anniversary March 20 with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 4 p.m. in St. Gerard Majella Church.

Rev. Thomas J. Trapasso, diocesan moderator of the deaf, will celebrate the Mass. Msgr. Joseph Gallo, assistant moderator, will preach the sermon, both in sign language

and orally. A banquet will follow at the Brownstone House, with Msgr. John P. Hourihan, Newark archdiocesan moderator of the Apostolate for the Deaf, as principal speaker.

THE APOSTOLATE for the deaf in Paterson was begun in 1941 when Bishop Thomas H. McLaughlin appointed Msgr. Denis A. Hayes, then stationed in Clifton, as the first chaplain. Msgr. Hayes enlisted the aid of the late George S. Taylor to help in a census of the deaf.

On March 17, 1941, the first organizational meeting was held at the Chancery hall.

with 33 people attending. The association was then called the Catholic Silent Club of the Diocese of Paterson and Taylor remained as its chief advisor and public relations director until his death in 1961.

Growth in size and activities forced the club to move to the Catholic Community Center in 1946 when Rev. Andrew Molnar of Passaic was its second chaplain, with Msgr. Gallo assisting. It was at this time that the name was changed.

Another unit was organized in Morris County, meeting at St. Virgil's parish, Morris Plains, under the direction of Rev. Louis Gallo. This group called itself the Bishop McLaughlin Deaf Society. Rev. Anthony J. Franchino, then of St. Margaret's, Morristown, later became its second director.

THE PATERSON group was one of the earliest supporters of the International Catholic Deaf Association and sent its first delegate to the second congress of the association at Buffalo in 1951. Later, one of the Paterson members was twice elected president of the ICDA.

Father Trapasso was named moderator of the deaf in January, 1955. Its headquarters moved to Blessed Sacrament Church, where Father Trapasso was then stationed. Monthly church service for the deaf is held there.

When Father Trapasso was named pastor of the new parish of St. Gerard Majella in January, 1966, the society moved to the new church.

What could be more fitting on the Society's Commemorative twenty-fifth jubilee, to celebrate Mass in the sign language by Rev. Thomas Trapasso, our moderator? It was a wonderful feeling to fully understand and participate in the Last Supper, especially to "hear" the beautiful words in spirit, bear the agony of Jesus in the last days of His life on earth.

Rev. Monsignor John Hourihan surprised us by agreeing to lead us in the postles Creed. It is believed that Robert Queenan bears the distinction of being the first deaf lector at Mass, which he did quite capably despite his weighty responsibility of chairing the banquet, held later in the evening at the Brown Stone House, two blocks away, from St. Gerards Majella Church where Mass was held.

Ah! the Banquet! We are still talking about it, the wonderful time had by all, 200 attended. Highlights of that evening were speeches by the priests, guests of honor, Very Rev. Msgr. Hourihan, Hon. Frank X. Graves, Mayor of Paterson. Msgr. Thomas Trapasso, Msgr. Joseph J. Gallo, and Rev. Walter P. Gorski, of Wallington, N.J., Miss Theresa Leitner, first president of the Society and the twenty-five year members, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Verrone and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Poline, respectively.

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Brief History of the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson, Inc.

At the threshold of this 25th Anniversary milestone, the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson, Inc. is humbly thankful in retrospect for those eventful years when they have been blessed with four good bishops and three diocesan priest moderators along with their clergy associates of equal zeal, who were so concerned with the spiritual and temporal welfare of the deaf. The sentiment goes also for members who rose to the occasion when a situation demanded their devotion of work and sacrifice.

Only three years after the establishment of the Diocese of Paterson, the late Bishop Thomas J. McLaughlin recognized the need for a deaf organization. He appointed Rev. Denis A. Hayes, then of Clifton, to be the first chaplain of the deaf. This particular field of work being new to him, Father Hayes contacted the late Mr. George S. Taylor, a well-known public-spirited citizen of Passaic and a faithful friend of the deaf for many years, to help him in a census for the deaf. So admirable was Mr. Taylor's cooperation that on March 17, 1941 the chaplain was able to have 33 deaf persons present at the organizational meeting in the Chancery Hall, 24 DeGrasse Street, Paterson. The newly-organized association was then called the Catholic Silent Club of the Diocese of Paterson. Mr. Taylor remained the club's chief adviser and public relations director until his death in 1961.

The growth in size and activity forced the club to move to the Catholic Community Center, 395 Main Street, Paterson, in 1946 when Rev. Andrew Molnar of Passaic was its second chaplain, with Rev. Joseph Gallo of Paterson assisting. The name of the club was changed to the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson.

It was in 1947 when the Society, with the encouragement of Bishop McLaughlin, assumed the major responsibility of launching a fund-raising campaign for what they had hoped to be the establishment of a Catholic school for the deaf in Northern New Jersey. For many years the members traveled all over the diocese soliciting funds at the church doors during Mass hours on Sundays at the invitation of those good pastors, besides other methods of raising funds. The drive slackened off considerably when the prospect of a school for the deaf seemed less and less feasible. Other problems, mostly attributable to the trend of the times, kept coming to limit the efforts of the drive committee. They still hope for some kind of educational center for deaf children in the near future. At the advice of Bishop Thomas A. Boland to protect the funds, the Society became incorporated in August, 1954.

March, 1950, a unit for the deaf living in Morris County was formed to complement the works of the Paterson Society. Those deaf met in St. Virgil's Parish, Morris Plains and called themselves the Bishop McLaughlin Catholic Deaf Society under the direction of Rev. Louis Gallo.

The Paterson group was one of the earliest supporters of the International Catholic Deaf Association movement. In 1951, when the ICDA was holding its second congress in Buffalo, the Society sent its first delegate there. Since then, the Society has continued its association with the international organization, being known as Chapter Three. During this course, the Paterson Chapter was honored when one of its members was elected president of the international movement twice.

In January, 1955, Rev. Thomas J. Trapasso was appointed Moderator of the Deaf in the diocese. Soon the Society moved to the Blessed Sacrament Church, East 18th Street and Sixth Avenue, Paterson, where the new chaplain served as a curate, for spiritual, social and meeting purpose. A gratifying note had been taken by the increase in attendance at the monthly church services for the deaf there. Rev. Anthony Franchino was now in charge of the Morris County unit at St. Margaret's Church in Morristown.

In 1964 the Society served notice to Bishop James J. Navagh who had succeeded Bishop James A. McNulty at the Paterson See, that they considered themselves a vital part of the diocese when they responded to his special appeal (issued to the whole diocese) to support the diocesan fund-raising campaign for a minor seminary and additional Catholic high schools. The Society pledge the amount of \$360 and has paid in full.

Father Trapasso became a pastor in January, 1965 and was assigned to St. Gerard Majella Church on West Broadway in Paterson. As he was still the diocesan moderator of the deaf, the Society moved there where they are still active.

The outstanding event of the Paterson Society, among other activities, is the annual Communion Breakfast where all the past bishops made it a point to favor the deaf and their priest moderators with their presence. Bishop Navagh was to share this day—our 25th Anniversary Celebration, to rejoice with us, but God, in His Majesty and Wisdom, decided His Excellency had served the purpose for his life on earth and called him to eternal reward on October 3, 1965.

Thus, on this 25th Anniversary, let us rejoice and pray that the fine ideals of the Society for the good of the deaf in the diocese will continue to be upheld for many years to come. God willing.

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The Catholic Deaf Society extends its heartfelt greetings to the MOST REV. LAWRENCE CASEY, Bishop-Elect of Paterson with a prayer that God will bless his Apostolate in Paterson.



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*May the souls of the faithful departed through the
mercy of God rest in peace.*

Hourihan to Paterson Deaf

The following address was delivered by the Very Rev. Msgr. John P. Hourihan, Newark Archdiocesan Moderator of the Deaf, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson, Inc., Sunday, March 20, while over 200 deaf with their priest moderators, Rev. Thomas Trapasso and Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph Gallo, both of Paterson, and Rev. Walter Gorsky of Wallington were celebrating with a banquet following the 4 p.m. Mass in Paterson, N.J.

All the men and women of the Paterson Catholic Deaf Club should be very proud. Twenty-five years ago when the club began, it was very small—like a baby—small and weak. In 25 years the Club has grown big and strong because of good leadership and good members, who are interested in the activities of the Club. You can't have a good club without good leadership, with which you have been blessed. Leadership is hard with many worries and responsibilities. Mr. Winston Churchill of England, who was a great and fine man, one day said, 'The price of leadership is responsibility.' We are proud of the men and women who are willing to take responsibility with a smile because it is not easy to be a leader. Ask the man here (Mayor Graves) who is in charge of this city. It is hard; he has headaches; he has responsibilities.

It's the same with your officers, but you have good reason to take responsibility. You know that the Catholic Deaf Club has a special purpose. It was explained to you in the sermon in church this afternoon. Think! Where does the interest of the Catholic Church come from? It comes from Jesus Christ. When Jesus walked on this earth, He showed great love for all men and women in the world because all men and women had troubles and problems and needed love of God, but Jesus demonstrated special love for people in this life with special problems—the deaf, the blind, for example. One day St. John the Baptist sent his friends to ask Jesus a question: 'Are you the One who is to come . . .' Jesus received the friends of St. John and said, 'You return to John and tell him that the blind see, the deaf hear, the poor have the gospel preached to them.'

Jesus used His work for the deaf and the blind and the poor as a sign of his special mission from God as the savior of the world. Down through the centuries, the Catholic Church which is the Mystical Body of Christ, continues the work of Jesus in time. Jesus lives today through the Church. The Church must show the same interest in the deaf people today that Jesus showed in the past. What did you read in the paper two weeks ago? You read that Pope Paul VI said that many bishops asked for special masses for deaf people. He asked that deaf people have sign language in the Mass where hearing people have their own language. Deaf peo-

ple can now have their own language in the Mass. Father Trapasso today was doing this for you.

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IN SILENCE.—The Rev. Thomas J. Trapasso of

uses sign language to lead parishioners in

Prayer at service for deaf. Ser-

vice yesterday helped mark 25th anniversary of

Society. Scene of special service was St. Gerard's Ch-



"This is the age of the layman in the Catholic Church as stated by the last Vatican Council in Rome and you can see how important the work of the ICDA is because it is the work of men and yourselves. You will be getting a new bishop, and I am sure that he will continue to be interested in the deaf as were Bishops McLaughlin, Boland, McNulty and Navagh."

"You are blessed. Give thanks to God. First for the Catholic Church, secondly for the bishops and priests who are interested in you but best of all give thanks to God for the men and women who were the first officers and members of your club, and for the people who are now its leaders and mem-

bers."



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION—Gathering around a special cake for the 25th anniversary of the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson are from left: Rev. Thomas J. Trapasso, moderator for the society; Edward Smolen of Wayne, president; Robert L. Clifton, chairman of the affair; Msgr. Joseph Gallo, associate diocesan moderator; and Mayor Frank Graves of Paterson and Very Rev. John Hourihan, Newark Archdiocesan moderator. (Herald-News Photo)

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"In the United States much work has been done for the deaf. We have priests and we have nuns, but the greatest

work in the United States today is done by men and women like yourselves and through the work of the International Catholic Deaf Association. The priests and nuns cannot work alone. They need lay people to help them. There are some deaf people who never go to church or communion. The priest can not reach them except through you. The ICDA is a very important organization because it is the work of men and women who take responsibility. They don't wait for the priest to begin the work. Now we have men and women beginning the work with the advices and blessings of the priest.

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ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION—Gathering around a special cake for the occasion at the communion banquet commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson are from left: Rev. Thomas J. Trapasso, diocesan moderator for the society; Edward Smolen of Wayne, president; Robert L. Queenan of Clifton, chairman of the affair; Msgr. Joseph Gallo, associate diocesan moderator; Mayor Frank Graves of Paterson and Very Rev. John Hourihan, Newark Archdiocesan moderator. (Herald-News Photo)

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CHURCH SPONSORED DEAF CENSUS

Census of deaf children in Northeastern New Jersey is now in progress, sponsored by the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson to see if a special project that should be so meaningful for their advancement in special education and welfare, would be justified in their own Center.

As pointed out in their recent letter to the pastors in the diocese to be read in the churches, the Society about 15 years ago launched a drive for the building of a school for the deaf in that area when it was realized that too many deaf there had grown up without obtaining the benefit of any school education. The parishioners had been most generous with money to support the drive since the Society stressed the spiritual value, too. However, the circumstances over which they had no control, forced them to suspend their fund-raising activities. The spiraling cost of life was also a contributing factor to make them realize that a building program was now out of the question.

Since deplorable lack of consideration on the part of the legislative body in Trenton for the educational needs of the deaf in this other part of the state still exists after these years, now it is the hope of the Society to use the funds collected at that time for a different program to help deaf children and their parents, though on a modest scale which can only be guided by the circumstances of today.

In each church the congregations have been asked to spread the word of this ambitious plan of the Society among other neighbors so that other deaf children wouldn't be overlooked. Announcements will also be made in the newspapers serving the area.

Rev. Thomas Trapasso, pastor of St. Nicholas Church in Passaic and diocesan moderator of the deaf, is the director of the census. The officers of this special com-

mittee are: Robert Queenan, chairman; John D. Carroll, secretary; Miss Theresa Leitner, treasurer; Mrs. Ann Potoczak, assistant treasurer and Mrs. Patricia Smolen, intermediary. All correspondence should be addressed to Mr. Carroll, 10 Cleveland Street, Morristown, N.J. 07960.

ATTENTION, JERSEYITES!

In January, 1971, people whose names are listed with the National Census of the Deaf will receive Census Forms. This Census is the key to many of the goals shared for the deaf population. It is important that deaf citizens be urged to complete the questionnaires and return them as soon as possible. Deaf persons and those who work with deaf people could aid the Census by becoming familiar with certain information relating to the Census operation.

The Census Form is being sent to some parents of deaf children. The Census is interested in learning about ability of a sample of parents of a deaf child. Thus, if the forms is addressed to the hearing parents of a deaf child, parents are to answer the questions for themselves, not for their deaf children.

The questionnaire should be answered by or for the person to whom it is addressed. If they are members of the family who are deaf and do not receive a Census Form, names of these persons should be given in the place on the form for this information. The Census Form is not designed to gather information about the hearing ability of more than one person on the same form.

The questionnaires are simple and require no more than five minutes to complete. It is important that everyone be urged to return Census Forms promptly.

If you need further information or have any questions, contact: National Census of the Deaf, 905 Bonifant Street, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

The Pine Tree Room at La Neve Restaurant, Haledon, was the 'homey' setting where the Paterson Catholic Deaf Society held its Annual Christmas dinner, on Dec. 13th, 1970. Members and friends including Moderator Rev. Thomas Trapasso, enjoyed a delicious repast, songs, jokes, stories, added to the gaiety of the evening, abetted by Michael Sorbello toastmaster, and smoothly chairmaned by Leonard and Anna Potoczak. Certainly the most wonderful evening was had by all, and looked for again next year.

The Society plans 30th anniversary celebration in March. Robert Queenan is in charge and plans big surprises. Instead of the usual Communion Breakfast, the occasion will be marked by (first) special Mass, then dinner dance follows. Farther details later...

On Dec. 13th, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Smolen were honored for their faithfull services, as president and secretary respectively at the dinner at La Neve's Restaurant, Haledon. New Officers of the Catholic Deaf Society of Paterson are as follows; Robert Queenan, President; Theresa Leitner, Vice President; Edward Smolen, Secretary Anna Potoczak, Treasurer for two year term.

Finally, Pres. Queenan in an informal speech, asked all attending for better co-operation, show an example of love for one another, to banish all past grudges, and look up to better understanding among all of us in the days ahead. Next on the Society's agenda, is captioned film showing on Sunday, March 7th. The title of the film will be on cards and sent to members.

Man of the Year



WINNER—President John D. Carroll receives the "ICDA Man of the Year" Award.

Seek Count of Deaf Children

A survey is currently underway by the Catholic Deaf Society to determine the number of deaf children in the diocese who would benefit by a proposed special project for their welfare and education.

Robert Queenan of Clifton, society president, is chairman of the drive, assisted by Mrs. Patricia Smolen of Lions Head Lake in Wayne.

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Reverend and dear Pastors:

The Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson under the direction of Father Thomas Trapasso, our moderator, is conducting a census of their own to determine how many deaf Catholic children we have in the diocese. We are thinking about a special project that should be so meaningful for their advancement in special education and welfare as well as in spiritual value.

We feel that the priests in the diocese can help us much if our plan is announced from the pulpits during Saturday and Sunday Masses so that the parents and relatives of deaf children will realize that we are prepared to help these children with a very appropriate program.

Some of the parishioners may recall that about 15 years ago we launched a drive for the building of a Catholic school for the deaf in the diocese but the circumstances over which we had no control, forced us to suspend our work. We realize now that a building program is out of the question. However, we hope to use the funds collected at that time for a different program to help deaf children and their parents, though on a modest scale which can only be guided by the circumstances of today.

We must know the approximate number of deaf children in the diocese if the project we have in mind is to be justified. Kindly ask your congregations to spread the word of our hope among their neighbors so that other deaf children wouldn't be overlooked.

If it is possible for us to get a list of deaf children from your church, we will be most grateful for it. The list should be sent to the secretary of this census drive. My address is: 10 Cleveland Street, Merristown, N. J. 07960. If you desire more information by phone, call Father Trapasso (779-7868).

Be assured we will be most thankful for your cooperation and for the kind interest of your curates in this drive.

Respectfully yours,

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Anniversary

Bishop to Celebrate Mass For Deaf Society Jubilee

The diocesan Catholic Deaf Society will celebrate the 30th anniversary of its founding with a mass, followed by a dinner-dance Saturday, March 20.

Bishop Casey will celebrate the 6 p.m. Mass in St. Nicholas Church, Passaic, where Father Thomas Trapasso, diocesan moderator of the deaf more than 15 years, is pastor.

Robert Queenan of Clifton, chairman, announced that Edgar Bloom of Mountainside, president of the New Jersey Association of the Deaf, will be principal speaker at the dinner at Berlin's Restaurant, Clifton, with Msgr. John P. Hourihan, director of Mount Carmel Guild Apostolate of the Deaf in the

Newark Archdiocese, as guest.

IN 1940 Bishop Thomas H. McLaughlin conceived the idea that there should be an active apostolate for the deaf in the diocese and appointed Msgr. Denis A. Hayes, then of Clifton, to be the chaplain to the Deaf.

He sought the help of the late George S. Taylor of Passaic who was known to be a friend of the deaf. Together they started a census of the deaf. As a result, a Catholic club for the deaf was set up at the chancery on March 17, 1941.

The Society's most challenging responsibility was to launch a drive for a Catholic school for the deaf. Groups solicited funds at church doors during mass hours on Sundays, but circumstances over which the drive committee had no control forced them to suspend their work. Building a school is now out of the question.

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would be justified.

THE PATERSON Society was one of the earliest deaf groups to evince interest in the International Catholic Deaf Association movement and became Chapter 3. John D. Carroll of Morristown was elected ICDA president three times.

After Msgr. Hayes, Father Andrew Molnar of Passaic directed the apostolate of the deaf for almost 10 years prior to Father Trapasso. Msgr. Joseph Gallo has been serving as associate moderator more than 20 years. Father Louis Gallo helped form a Morris County unit and Father Anthony Franchino helped to keep it going.

Queenan has been elected president 12 times. One society member, though deaf, was called to become a nun. She is Patricia A. Petrovits of Paterson, who will take the final vow this summer.



Left to right standing: Mr. Goode, sem., Mike Sorbello, Rev. Joseph Gallo, Rev. Thomas Trapasso, Miss Leitner, Bob Queenan, John Carroll and Ed Smolen. Sitting: Edgar Bloom, Msgr. John Hourihan and Pat Smolen.



The signing of the National Anthem by Allen Pease.



Herald-News Photo by Carl Baumann

30 YEARS FOR THE DEAF—The Catholic Deaf Society celebrated its 30th anniversary for its service to the deaf of all denominations Saturday at Berlin's Restaurant in Clifton. From the left are Michael V. Sorbello, assistant chairman; the Rev. Thomas J. Trapasso, diocese chaplain and former diocesan director for the deaf; Miss Theresa Leitner, vice president and the society's first president; Robert L. Queenan, president, and Edward Smolen, secretary.



ANNIVERSARY — Bishop Casey and Father Thomas J. Trapasso, diocesan moderator, join in celebration of 30th anniversary of founding of the diocesan Catholic Deaf Society. Mass was celebrated Saturday in St. Nicholas Church, Passaic,

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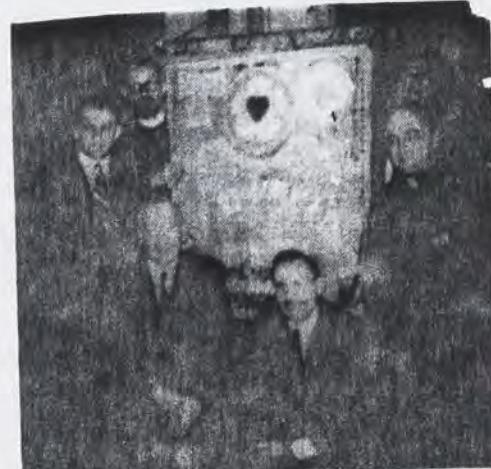


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Mr. John Carroll, Chairman and Robert Hamel, Co-Chairman, in a few three weeks of preparations, made it a huge success. A total of 50 persons attended, the Lutheran pastor of St. Matthews, Newark attended the entire body, with Rev. C. Roland Gerhold, Pastor. The Assembly of God in Elizabeth, N.J. with Rev. Croft Pentz, brought several members in a new mini-bus. On the program choir-sign-singing of each group. Thomas Trapasso, Moderator of Paterson Catholic Deaf, was host, pastor of St. Nicholas Church, he briefly, came with Rev. Croft Pentz - along with prayers. The main speaker, Rev. Gerhold of St. Matthews Lutheran Deaf Church, stressed "Peace", is to be achieved not by prayer, but in being as "doers". In the good Fathers led by Rev. Gerhold, signed "the Lord's Prayer" beautifully. In the end of the program, which had moved the good brethren almost in tears was the on. the audience shaking hands with one another in the "Peace be with you" motion. It was done with joyful spontaneity, never seen before - First time in history, the of different religious meet in a church together in the spirit of Christian love - "So Wonderful!"



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Another surprise was the exhibition of several sculptured objects and arts produced by Ralph Cannizzaro of Clifton one among them was a bust of Mr. Carroll, a perfect likeness. Beautiful prizes were given away, Mr. Smolen did a great job as Chairman and Anna Potczak is to be heartily commended for making those prizes possible by holding Bingo parties with the proceeds going toward the prizes. Ye scribe was lucky won a lovely colonial table lamp----- Rachel Priucci was the first winner winning best of all, a coffee urn. The Twelfth Annual Christmas Dinner shall be looking forward to - so don't miss out on the fun--Happy New Year!

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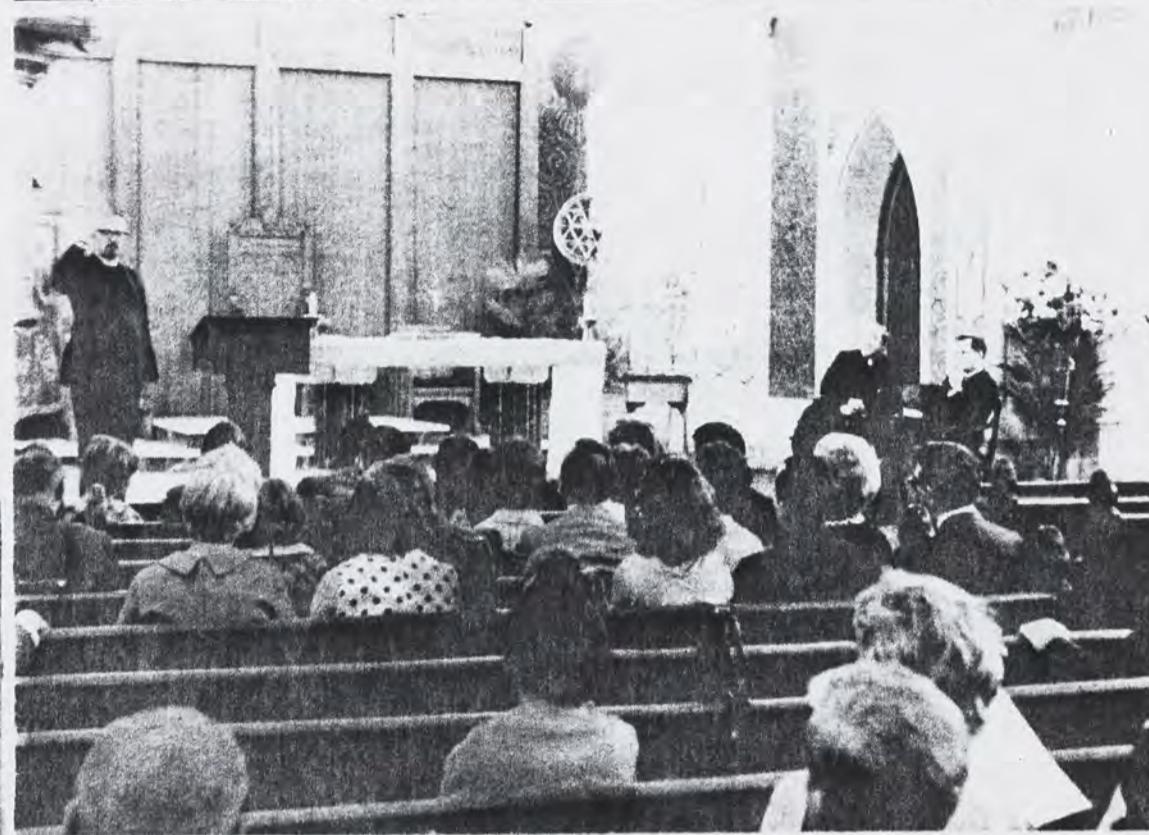
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GREETINGS — Father Thomas Trapasso, chaplain of the diocesan Catholic Deaf Society, greets guests in St. Philip the Apostle church, Clifton, before the annual mass and communion dinner Sunday afternoon. From left are Harold Steinman, counselor to the hearing impaired at the Mount Carmel Guild

Center, Newark; Bishop Casey, Father Trapasso, the Rev. Mr. Joseph Goode, seminarian and assistant moderator; John D. Carroll, former president of the International Catholic Deaf Association, and Robert L. Queenan, diocesan president. (Beacon photo by Tom Lynch)



Mrs. Anna Potoczak

WEST PATERSON — Mrs. Anna Potoczak, 49, of 38 Highview Drive, died Saturday in Passaic General Hospital after a brief illness.

Born in The Bronx, Mrs. Potoczak had lived in this borough for the last 20 years.

She was a member of St. Bonaventure's Church and the Catholic Deaf Society, both in Paterson.

The funeral will be held Wednesday at 9 a.m. from the Santangelo Funeral Home, 635 McBride Ave. with a Mass at 9:30 in the church. Interment will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

In addition to her husband, Leon, Mrs. Potoczak leaves two daughters, Mrs. Paul (Priscilla) Scyta of Bricktown and Shirley, at home; a son, Paul, at home; her mother, Mrs. Catherine Russo; a brother, Raymond Russo, both of this borough; two sisters, Mrs. Anthony (Mary) Anselmi, also of this borough, and Mrs. Anthony (Millie) Ricciardi of Totowa.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Passaic County Cancer Society.

N.J.'s only Deaf Nun



Sister M. Lorraine

New Jersey's only deaf nun—Sister M. Lorraine, A.S.C., formerly Patricia Patrovits of Paterson, is still around quite a lot, pursuing studies which she hopes will eventually land her a teaching position with deaf children. She is stationed at St. Joseph's Convent, Columbia, Pa.

Before she entered the religious life, she was a member of the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson, N.J.

Catholic Deaf Observe 31st Anniversary

CLIFTON — The Catholic Deaf Society celebrated the 31st anniversary of its founding. Bishop Lawrence B. Casey celebrated the Mass in St. Philip's Church, here.

The Rev. Thomas J. Trapasso, moderator of the society, translated the Mass and homily into the language of the deaf through hand signs. In his homily Bishop Casey congratulated the group on its spirit of community commitment and its service to the deaf.

Mass was followed by a dinner in Robin Hood Inn. The Rev. Joseph Goode of Immaculate Conception Seminary, Mahwah, was toastmaster. Harold Steinman and Miss Vivian Stranahan gave addresses in which they described the programs for the deaf and deaf and blind by the Mount Carmel Guild, Newark.

John Carroll, former president of the International Catholic Deaf Society, and Robert Queenan, president of the Paterson Deaf Society were also speakers.

PATERSON DEAF CATHOLIC SOCIETY DONATES PROCEEDS TO AID MT. CARMEL GUILD

The Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson, Inc. voted to make good use of the proceeds from their recent communion-dinner by sending a check for the amount of \$158 to help the Mount Carmel Guild in Newark to keep their early education program in existence for hearing impaired children regardless of race, creed and national background.

The Mount Carmel Guild program had been supported by grants from the Federal Government since the new project at 17 Mulberry Street was started a few years. Despite numerous professional services which include medicine, education and rehabilitation the Guild has been rendering to help handicapped youths and adults, the Federal Government is unable to extend its funding yet. Now the Guild, through Monsignor John P. Hourihan, director of the Archdiocesan Apostolate of the Deaf, has to seek financial aid from the State Government, industry, labor unions, clubs, organizations and individuals. It is no secret that of all handicapped persons committed to the care of the Mt. Carmel Multi-Handicapped Center, it is the severely handicapped deaf who have to be benefitted most by the Guild program. Hence, Monsignor Hourihan's leading role in this fund-raising drive has to be stressed.

Harold Steinman, chief counselor to the deaf in need, is always willing to make himself available for speeches at any public function for the deaf and hard of hearing if there is need to know more about the Mt. Carmel Guild program. It was his speech that inspired the Paterson Society to make the contribution.

The Morris County Deaf Center is another group that has sent in a contribution, though it had to be very modest.

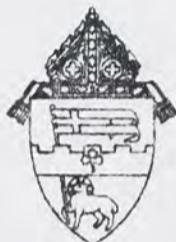
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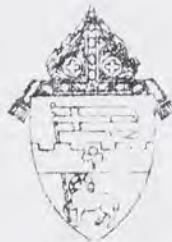
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Nearly 70 members attended the annual mass, which this year marked the 36th anniversary of the group's founding on St. Patrick's Day. (Beacon photo by Tom Lynch).

The Rev. Joseph Goode (center) celebrating Mass for the Deaf as Jeffrey Roffler holds palm at Blessed Sacrament Church in Paterson.

Barefoot in the Church Deaf Pick Up Dance Floor Vibes

By ROGER WITHERSPOON

The band at the church social was playing its loudest while the membership — immaculately dressed and barefoot — danced to the music.

Barefoot? At a church dance?

"That's the only way they can 'hear' the music," said the Rev. Joseph Goode, director of the Catholic Deaf Society. "It gets to be a bit rough on the non-deaf at the affair, but they feel the vibrations of the music through the floor, and do quite well."

The society, founded 36 years ago, serves deaf church goers in the Diocese of Paterson. The members are affiliated with various parishes but gather once a month at the Blessed Sacrament Church in Paterson for a worship service conducted completely in sign language.

50 Adult Couples

The group, which serves about 50 adult couples, was lead by the Rev. Thomas Trapasso, who worked with the group for 20 years.

"I first learned sign language in a seminary eight years ago," Rev. Goode recalls, "and in order to gradu-

ate I had to deliver a sermon in sign language.

"So I approached Father Trapasso's group and they let me deliver a short homily. At the time I thought that was the end of it, but they kept inviting me back."

He was ordained in 1973, and became associate director under Rev. Trapasso. He became director last June when Rev. Trapasso stepped aside after two decades of leadership.

'No Sound at All'

"There is no sound at all," Rev. Goode said, "except when it comes to the spirituals. I sing those—but slowly—and the parishioners sing along in sign language."

"Some of them even sway to the music they feel."

Some of the parishioners can speak, while others are mute—depending on how old they were before they went deaf, he said.

The deaf society is for adults, Rev. Goode said. "But my main goal this year is to develop a program of religious education for children. There is a special problem, as growing up in a world without sound is difficult to say the least."

Deaf Society Observes Anniversary

PATERSON — The 36th Anniversary celebration of the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson, Inc. took place recently.

The celebration began with a Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, with the Most Rev. Lawrence B. Casey officiating. Rev. Joseph J. Goode, chaplain of the society, acted as interpreter.

Following the Mass, a communion buffet luncheon was served at the Learning Center of Bishop Navagh in Paterson. Mrs. Evelyn A. Dolan, Director of the N.J. Conference on Handicapped Individuals, was guest speaker.

Mrs. Dolan spoke of the forthcoming White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals, to be held in Washington May 23-27 this year. Mrs. Dolan noted that this is the first time handicapped people will have a say in forming laws befitting the handicapped.



BISHOP'S LAST CONFIRMATION — Carol Polizzi (second from left) is shown with her younger sister, Tina; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Polizzi of St. Joseph parish, Lincoln Park, Bishop Casey and Father Joseph Goode, director of the diocesan Catholic Deaf Society, after the bishop's last confirmation ceremony May 12 in Our Lady of the Holy Angels Church, Little Falls. Father Goode arranged to have Carol, who is deaf, in the Holy Angels confirmation class.



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Coughlin says the church must make a greater effort to appeal to the deaf by using sign language or perhaps even captioned film to illustrate masses. He will be a leader in the effort.

"I view my deafness as something which I must strive to use to fathomize my own existence," he said in a recent interview. "Not as an imprisoned person, but rather as the one who will try to paint a picture with a broken paintbrush. I also visualize my deafness as a vaulting pole I use to ascend the heights."

Following his ordination, Coughlin will work with the deaf in a special program in the Baltimore Diocese, according to the Rev. Joseph Lupo, vocational director of the Trinitarians.

"Eventually, though, we hope to set up a separate parish for the deaf," Father Lupo continued. "We are finally waking up to the need to do something for the deaf and part of the reason we're waking up is Tom."

"The deaf are in another world," he continued. "It is something we didn't realize ourselves until Tom came to us. At first, it was very difficult for him and for us, but now we have seen what can happen. I think it is a miracle."

The Rev. David Walsh, executive director of the National Catholic Office

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Union Board of Education — meeting at Seton Hall University, 8

"Mystery of St. John Neuman" — litany on the life of the recently saint, on Channel 11 at 1:30 p.m. by Rev. Benedict Groeschel, O.S.B., director of spiritual development of the New York Archdiocese.

EDNESDAY, JUNE 15
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Why did Coughlin decide to become a priest?

"Sometimes I had one reason, and sometimes it changed. In the beginning it was like a little boy looking at a soldier in a military uniform, but I grew out of that. Now it is to liberate people from their spiritual ignorance and captivity."

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"We're like pilgrims," said Father Coughlin, believed to be the only deaf Catholic priest in the U.S. "We wander like the Bedouins in North Africa. We have no place."

Father Coughlin intends to find one.

His goal is to establish a permanent church for the deaf in Baltimore, similar to those in California, Michigan, Washington, D.C., and Louisiana where the Lafayette Diocese recently obtained federal government backing for a housing complex intended primarily for the deaf and blind.

Then he plans to go national with a youth leadership camp for deaf Catholics.



Father Coughlin began these projects last month when he was ordained in Baltimore, reaching a goal he set for himself "for the sheer fun of confronting the challenge." At times, he conceded, the challenge almost beat him.

After graduating from Gallaudet College in Washington, the world's only accredited liberal arts college for the deaf, Father Coughlin began his novitiate with the Trinitarian Fathers in August, 1972. A year later he began studying theology at Catholic University of America. It was there, he said, that he faced the biggest challenges.

"It's a different world of thinking, and I almost thought I wouldn't make it," he said. "But several people gave me the benefit of the doubt."

Being the first American deaf priest, Father Coughlin said, "is somewhat

fearful, because of the immensity of the task that I have to do for God." It's not the work that bothers him, though, but the possibility that "my popularity as the first deaf priest may blur the image of God through my work."

Deaf people apparently see the 29-year-old Trinitarian as a symbol of deaf achievement, a sign that a handicapped person can make it in a society dominated by the physically normal.

Father Gary Bueche, moderator of St. John's Deaf Center, Warren, Mich., recalled the reception Father Coughlin received when he led a retreat there last year. "The people were really proud of him because he was going to be a priest — a priest who would know their language, problems and needs," he said.

Father Bueche hopes that Father Coughlin "will be a sign to the deaf community that a religious vocation is a possibility."

deaf people in the United States are college educated.

Coughlin has worked extensively with children, spending many summers at special camps for the deaf.

"Many young deaf children ask me why God has made them deaf. I too have wondered," Coughlin said. "In search for answers I have scanned the sky and have squinted at the horizon, and yet, nothing could be found. I do not think there are any ready-made answers. We must create answers ourselves."

"However, I do suspect God has allowed us to become deaf for a greater course, which is our lives as deaf persons witness the fact that mankind can overcome all its limitations. We do not need ears in order to hear the music within our souls."

Why did Coughlin decide to become a priest?

"Sometimes I had one reason, and sometimes it changed. In the beginning it was like a little boy looking at a soldier in a military uniform, but I grew out of that. Now it is to liberate people from their spiritual ignorance and captivity."

While liberating people from their "spiritual" ignorance may be Coughlin's goal, he will undoubtedly go a long way toward liberating them from their secular ignorance also.

"At times people still react to me with fear. However, I make my presence known to them in a gentle way," he says.

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COMMUNION BANQUET

COMMEMORATING

THE 37th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING
OF THE
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HONORING

REV. THOMAS COUGHLIN, O.S.S.T.

ON THE OCCASION OF HIS ORDINATION
AS THE

First Catholic Deaf Priest

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SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 1978

Afternoon Mass at 3:00 p.m. at

ST. GERARD'S CHURCH

West Broadway, Paterson, N.J.

BANQUET IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AT
THE BROWNSTONE HOUSE

351 WEST BROADWAY, PATERSON, N.J.



ANNIVERSARY DINNER — The 37th anniversary of the founding of the diocesan Catholic Deaf Society was celebrated at a dinner in the Brownstone House, Paterson, which honored Father Thomas Coughlin of Pikesville, Md., the first deaf priest ordained in the U.S. Seated (from left) are John Carroll, secretary of the Catholic Deaf Society; Father Joseph Goode, diocesan moderator, and Father Coughlin. Standing (from left) are Robert Queenan, dinner chairman; Neal Scannepers, society president; Jack Floss, president of the N.J. Association of the Deaf, and Donald Smith, interpreter. (Beacon photo by Tom Lynch)

Father Coughlin Honored At Anniversary Banquet

March 12, 1978 was an important day for some 250 Catholic deaf who came to help celebrate the 37th anniversary of the founding of the Catholic Deaf Society of Paterson. Father Thomas Coughlin, O.S.S.T., was guest of honor for the occasion. Father Tom, as he is affectionately called, officiated at the 3:00 p.m. Mass at St. Gerard's Church, Paterson. The banquet, immediately following the Mass, was held at the Brownstone House, two blocks from St. Gerard's.

Robert Queenan, of Caldwell, was chairman of the affair. Among the guests present were Neal Scannepucco, president of the Catholic Deaf Society of Paterson, Allen Pease, who sang (signed) the National Anthem, Lawrence Kramer, mayor of Paterson, Jack Floss, president of the New Jersey Association of the Deaf, and Revs. Goode and McMahon, who officiated at the Grace. Donald Smith was interpreter.

Father Coughlin, as most Catholic deaf know, is the first deaf man to be ordained a Catholic priest in the United States. This historic event took place at the Basilica of the Assumption in Baltimore, on May 7, 1977. Father Tom has been immensely busy since his ordination, speaking at Catholic deaf centers in this country and Canada conducting ICDA workshops for the deaf, and now a new project he has begun which will be of important significance to other hearing-impaired young men considering entry into the Catholic priesthood.

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To Our New Bishop*

Most Reverend Frank Rodimer
From
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Catholic Deaf Society of The Diocese
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Program

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| <i>Grace Before Meal</i> | REV. JOSEPH GOODE |
| Diocesan Moderator of the Catholic Deaf | |
| <i>National Anthem</i> | ALLEN PEASE |
| <i>Greetings</i> | ROBERT L. QUEENAN |
| <i>Toastmaster</i> | RT. REV. MSGR. JOSEPH GALLO |
| <i>Address</i> | JOHN D. CARROLL |
| <i>Guest of Honor</i> | REV. THOMAS COUGHLIN, O.S.S.T. |
| <i>Remarks</i> | HON. LAWRENCE KRAMER Mayor of Paterson |
| <i>Remarks</i> | NEAL SCANNAPERS President |
| <i>Remarks</i> | JACK FLOSS President of New Jersey Association of the Deaf |
| <i>Remarks</i> | FATHER THOMAS TRAPASSO Our Past Moderator |
| <i>Grace After Meal</i> | REV. McMAHON |

Menu

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| | | <i>Fresh Fruit Cup</i> |
| | | <i>Soup Du Jour</i> |
| Celery | Ripe Olives | Queen Olives |
| | Chef's Salad | |
| | | <i>Combination Ham and Chicken</i> |
| Baked Stuffed Idaho Potatoes | | Vegetables |
| | Rolls and Butter | |
| | | <i>Ice Cream</i> |
| Coffee | Tea | Cake |



A PRAYER FOR A PRIEST

*O Lord, support him all the day long,
until the shadows lengthen and the
evening comes, and the busy world is
hushed, and the fever of life is over,
and his work done. Then in Thy mercy
grant him a safe lodging and a holy
rest, and peace at the last.*

Adapted from Cardinal Newman



*Give glory to God with the
beautiful language of our hands.*

Deaf Society to mark 38th anniversary

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ANNIVERSARY DINNER — A communion banquet commemorated the 38th anniversary of the founding of the Catholic Deaf Society in the diocese Sunday. The dinner, at the Brownstone House in Paterson, followed a Mass celebrated by Bishop Rodimer in St. Gerard Church. Celebrating the anniversary were

(from left) Robert Queenan, society chairman; Donald Smith, interpreter; Betty Broecker, director of the N.J. Division of the Deaf and guest of honor; Mary Jane Castrese, treasurer; Neal Scannapoco, vice president and toastmaster, and Father Joseph Goode, diocesan moderator. (Beacon photo by Tom Lynch)

THE CATHOLIC DEAF SOCIETY of the Diocese of Paterson will commemorate the 38th anniversary of its founding at a communion banquet Sunday at the Brownstone House, West Broadway, Paterson. It will follow a 3 p.m. mass at St. Gerard's R.C. Church on West Broadway, with Bishop Frank J. Rodimer as the principal celebrant.

Guest speaker at the banquet will be Betty Broecker, director of the newly-formed Division of the Deaf, State Dept. of Labor & Industry. She will speak on the role and goals of her department and will also communicate the message in sign language.

The Rev. Joseph J. Goode is the director of the society, which meets monthly at Blessed Sacrament Church, Paterson, opening with a worship service conducted completely in sign language. This is followed by a meeting and a social gathering.

COMMUNION BANQUET COMMEMORATING 38th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE CATHOLIC DEAF SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF PATERSON, INC.

MS. BETTY BROECKER, Guest Speaker

Director of the New Jersey Division of the Deaf in the Department of Labor and Industry

WILL BE OUR HONORED GUEST SPEAKER

Betty will speak on: "Division of the Deaf, Its Role and Goals in Serving the New Jersey Deaf Community in Job Training, Retraining and Other Needs of the Deaf in our State."

Personality Profile

Father Trapasso Prepares for New Role

By BOB VARETTONI

MOUNT ARLINGTON — Today, on Karen Ann Quinlan's 25th birthday, the pastor who has advised and comforted her family quietly approaches a milestone of his own.

Father Thomas Trapasso has been appointed by Bishop Rodimer to the full-time post of director of continuing education for the Ministry to Priests Program adopted Jan. 30 by the priests of the diocese.

AFTER eight years as pastor of Our Lady of the Lake parish here, Father Trapasso will be leaving April 22.

"I must admit, it's been a very difficult decision to make," Father

One of a series of profiles of diocesan people in the news.

Trapasso said. "This pastoral experience has been extraordinary here."

Father Trapasso said the experience was different because "coming here in 1971, a lot of the Vatican II turmoil had disappeared. In my own mind, I understood what the new church was about, and the people understood."

"The relationships I've had with the people have been very, very special," he added. "I've matured as a priest here."

MUCH OF that maturing has come

**Father Trapasso**

from his involvement with the parents of Karen Ann Quinlan. In the "death with dignity" case that attracted worldwide attention, Father Trapasso had advised the family that the use of a mechanical respirator was not required by the church's teaching to sustain the life of a person who is hopelessly ill.

Miss Quinlan was stricken four years ago and today, on her 25th birthday, she remains in a coma in Morris View nursing home in Morris Plains, where she was moved after a N.J. Supreme Court ruling permitted the res-

pirator to be removed.

Father Trapasso said he has many thoughts on her birthday. Basically, he said, the situation is "an ongoing saga of parents who have borne a cross and continue to bear it with dignity and faith." He added that the trial of her parents reveals "a mystery."

"Having been through so much, to ask for her to be placed in a natural state — and now that she continues to live — is saying something to society in terms of the dignity of life," Father Trapasso said.

FATHER Trapasso said he has maintained a close relationship with Joseph and Julia Quinlan, Karen's parents. He added that he will stay in contact with them after he begins working at his new job.

"I feel that it's not so much that they need me anymore," he explained, "but I certainly want to stay in contact with them. We've been through so much, it just seems like — well, destiny is too strong a word — but in some way our paths were meant to cross."

About the Ministry to Priests Program, Father Trapasso commented that "at this moment, my awareness of it is academic; I have no precedent to go by."

The new program is a continuation of the convocation of diocesan priests last September. The director's job, as delegated by the bishop, is to oversee, coordinate and effect diocesan-wide programs for continuing education and spiritual growth of priests.

"WHAT SEEKS to emerge is that my mission is to priests, their enrichment at both a personal and spiritual level. I'm mainly interested in a one-to-one type of program," he said.

Nineteen priests were named with Father Trapasso to serve as members of the team for Ministry to Priests, a program that began this week with a Spiritual Awareness Day for diocesan priests conducted at the Loyola House of Retreats in Morristown.

Before coming here, Father Trapasso was pastor of St. Nicholas, Passaic, for two years. In 1965 he was named the first pastor of St. Gerard Majella in Paterson.

Born in Richmond Hill, N.Y., he is a graduate of Seton Hall University. He studied for the priesthood at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, and was ordained in 1949 by the late Archbishop Thomas Boland, who was then bishop of Paterson.

FATHER Trapasso is an expert in sign language and has been active with the Catholic Deaf Society throughout his priesthood. "Most of us in the seminary took the sign language course, I just stayed interested," he said.

"I had a feeling for the deaf, still do. They are wonderful people," he added.

No successor to Father Trapasso as pastor of Our Lady of the Lake has been announced. Father Trapasso said he made his decision to spend his last Sunday here April 22 because "it wouldn't be fair to the people to leave before Easter."

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

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BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, JULY 1, 1979

A DEBT TO THE DIOCESE PAID OFF: Thanks to faithful financial support by parishioners — and generous cooperation in parish activities — Holy Trinity's debt to Calvary Cemetery was paid off as of June 30. The long-standing debt — carried at a relatively low rate of interest by the Diocesan Cemetery Office — stood at \$34,000.00 in 1971. Our only outstanding parish indebtedness at this time is the \$19,000.00 owed to the Diocesan Society for the Deaf.



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT — Janis Bain, a speech therapist and teacher of hearing handicapped persons, helps 11-year-old Billy Trichel of Wayne practice his sign language. Billy attends special classes in Millburn during the school year and receives supplemental instruction from Mrs. Bain — who teaches his family sign language as well. Story below.

Second Career

Mrs. Bain Teaches Sign Language To Hearing Handicapped Persons

WAYNE — What started as an independent study project for a bachelor's degree requirement has turned into a rewarding second career for a Wayne woman who teaches sign language to hearing handicapped persons and their families.

Janis Bain, a speech therapist for the Wayne school system, works with hearing handicapped persons in the evenings, on weekends and during the summer. In addition, she works with the diocesan Catholic Deaf Society and is going to teach a sign language course at the College of St. Elizabeth, Convent Station, as part of the college's Continuing Education program for non-matriculated men and women, beginning Sept. 19.

MRS. BAIN'S interest in teaching the hearing handicapped came about while she was majoring in speech therapy as an undergraduate at Douglass College.

"I took an independent study in deaf education and became very interested in the area," said Mrs. Bain, the former Janis Winchell. "I liked it so much that I decided to go on for a master's degree."

She then went to the University of Arizona, where she received a master's degree in education of the physically handicapped. While at Arizona State, she was a live-in houseparent at the Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind in Tucson. After completing work for her master's degree, she began work toward a doctorate in deaf education, but interrupted her stud-

return to Wayne.

She began teaching in the Wayne school system, and met Father Joseph Goode, moderator of the Catholic Deaf Society. She teaches beginner and advanced sign language courses for him, and assists at the sign mass he celebrates on the first Sunday of each month at Blessed Sacrament Church in Paterson.

EVENTUALLY, she branched out to work with hearing handicapped children and their families, in addition to her work as a speech therapist.

In the Wayne area, she works with two families who have hearing handicapped children. Throughout the year she teaches sign language to all members of each family, and during the summer she works with the hearing handicapped children in the areas of speech and language therapy.

Mrs. Bain is looking forward to teaching the sign language course at St. Elizabeth's, which she said will include the basics of sign language, finger spelling, and practice with games, story telling and conversation.

She recommends the course to any parent, teacher or employer of hearing handicapped persons. The course will meet on 10 Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m., Sept. 19 to Nov. 21. Registration can be made by calling the college's Continuing Education Office.

"Sign language is very easy to learn because you're translating words into signs and not learning a new language," she said. "All it takes is practice."

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Area deaf society will offer free classes in sign language

BY SHIRLEY BOARDMAN

Communications, it seems, has become the by-word of the 70's. According to the experts, the solution to nearly every problem from the generation gap to the search for world peace, at least begins with communication. And that is understandable. As social beings, people have a need to express to others their joy, anger, conflicts, frustration and all the other emotions to which the species is heir.

That being the case, the deaf and the hard of hearing must certainly be ranked as among the most severely handicapped. As one professional who is close to the problem said, "Those who are hard of hearing, and the totally deaf in particular, suffer really from a triple handicap. There is first of all the problem of not being able to take part in the basic communication between people that most of us take for granted. Added to this is the fact that it is one of the least visible handicaps. The blind and the crippled, for example, can be accommodated because their handicap is obvious. This makes those handicaps easier for us to understand in a sense and so, easier to deal with. But you can be in the same room with a deaf person and unless you say something to him that demands an answer, you'll never know that he's deaf."

"The third aspect, and this is related to the second, is that people who are aware of the handicap can't do much about it to offer compassion or understanding or help. So few people can communicate in sign language. There is an enormous

need."

The Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson is trying to fill at least part of that need. It is offering, on a totally non-sectarian basis, a 14-week course in sign language. The society in fact offers three courses, one for beginners, one for intermediates and one for the advanced. The beginners class starts on Feb. 6 and Joyce Bain, who teaches one of the classes, talked about part of the "enormous need."

"The public is not aware, unless they are close to the problem, the frustrations faced daily by the deaf," she said. "There are almost no professionals who can sign, communicate in sign language. The deaf must have someone with them at all times to interpret for them. They can't go to the doctor, or consult an attorney or confide in any professional - things that most of us take for granted. A blind person, for instance, must certainly face enormous obstacles and frustrations in their day to day living. But they can at least seek help handling these frustrations with the aid of a therapist. But there isn't a psychotherapist in this area who can sign."

"There also are machines," she said, "that work on a teletype basis that allow a deaf person to dial emergency information into a center and relate symptoms or other reports that in some cases could mean the difference between life and death. But the deaf in this area have no medical center, police department or fire house to make such a call."

Bain, who works as a speech therapist in the Wayne Township

school system, and the other teachers who teach the sign language courses, do so on a volunteer basis. Why does she do it? "I do it because I think more people should learn to communicate with the deaf." Bain said a number of times she has contacted local police and fire departments, volunteering her time to teach members of the departments sign language. "Unfortunately, I'm afraid there was no interest," she says. Her husband, Andrew, is a Wayne Township police officer. He is able to sign certain emergency words.

Bain has a degree not only in speech therapy, but also a master's degree in education for the physically handicapped and a master's degree in deaf education. Her undergraduate work was completed at Douglass College and her master's degrees were obtained from the University of Arizona's School for the Deaf and the Blind. In the first sign language course she taught locally, a young woman named Joanne Morgan was in her class. Morgan became so interested in the subject that she has gone on and now has her master's degree in audiology and is teaching, again on a volunteer basis, at the Catholic Deaf Society.

Father Joseph Goode, director of the society, explained a little of the group's origins. "The society began 39 years ago about the time the diocese was formed. There is an international Catholic Deaf Association and a group of people locally who belonged to this went to the bishop and asked him to appoint a priest monitor for the group. He did and it has continued. But the

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But the group is not sponsored or subsidized by the diocese in any way. Our primary focus is on the religious needs of our people and to that end, we have Mass from October to June at the Blessed Sacrament Church in Paterson. I say and sign the Mass at the same time. But even though the society's aim is to fill primarily religious needs, I very often deal with other needs as well. Some time ago, for instance, a deaf man was a witness to a crime. Because no one at the police station could question him, I went down and interpreted for him. Also, I have interpreted for the deaf who were dealing with insurance agents, lawyers and others. These are not necessarily people who belong to the deaf society. In some cases, it's the first and only encounter I have with them."

Father Goode emphasized that sign language is not hard to learn. "There is no syntax. There are no declensions as you have learning other languages. There are two basic methods of signing. One is to shape your hands so that it symbolizes a word. The other is to spell the word out. There is a manual alphabet which must be used for instance in 'saying' a person's name, for which there is no other symbol. And everything of course can be spelled out if other symbols are not known."

Father Goode said that after 14 weeks, one could expect to learn basic terminology and to master the manual alphabet so that one could communicate with the deaf, even if some words had

to be spelled out. He remarked on the skill of certain "signers" on television news shows that sign as the news is being given. "You cannot expect to be that proficient in 14 weeks," he said. "They even go too fast for me because I'm not used to signing everything I say every day. But like any other language the more one uses it, the better one becomes at it."

The classes, which will be given at the Newman House, William Paterson College, 219 Pompton Road, Haledon are limited to approximately 20 students to a class. They are open to families of deaf persons, college students who may be interested in working with the deaf, nurses or aides in nursing homes, doctors, lawyers or anyone who for any reason is interested in communicating with the deaf. Bain said she has in the past had some people who were gradually going deaf and they were aided by the class. The instruction however, is not primarily for the hard of hearing, but rather for those who work with them.

The classes are free and the only fee is for the hand alphabet manual which costs \$6. For anyone to whom this would be a burden, the society will pay the cost of the book as well. Bain said only a physical handicap such as cerebral palsy or severe arthritis would prevent an individual from learning sign language.

Some strides have been made in recent years by the deaf. As mentioned above certain news programs have begun serving deaf people's need to know what is going

on in the world, often as it's going on.

Perhaps the biggest obstacle they have to overcome, however is not their own handicap, as debilitating as it is, but rather the indifference and ignorance of others and the added handicaps this indifference and ignorance produces.

Anyone wishing to find out more about the classes, or about the society may call Father Goode at the Catholic Deaf Society at 777-8818.

Date: Sept. 9, 1979

Memo to Father Goode:

The president of the Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson, under the Spiritual Director, is the chief ~~ext~~ executive of the organization. The president is the organizer and planner, responsible for all the activities of the organization, and is the intermediary between his Spiritual Director and the Church, has always worked in close harmony with the Spiritual Director throughout the 38 years of our Society. The Spiritual Director must have confidence in us and look after our religious needs. He should not bring other hearing persons (third persons) as this makes us feel as if we are treated as children, without the ability to make sound decisions for ourselves and so, we feel insulted.

We offer to pay for services such as use of a meeting room, but other Catholic deaf associations get such services free. We have lent some of our money to Catholic churches within the Diocese, and receive only a very small interest in return. Yet, all other Catholic deaf associations in New Jersey have better meeting places than we do.

We hope there will be more cooperation between us in the future so as to eliminate any misunderstandings.

Robert L. Queenan, President, Catholic Deaf Society or the Diocese of Paterson, Inc.

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New Jersey Senator Scardino Speaks at 39th Anniversary Banquet of Catholic Deaf Society of Paterson



Deaf Society—Father Thomas Trapasso (right), a former moderator, was one of the speakers at Sunday's 39th anniversary dinner of the Catholic Deaf Society of the Paterson Diocese. Among those at the Brownstone House, Paterson, were (from left) John D. Carroll, former president of the International Catholic Deaf Assn.; Robert L. Queenan, president of the Paterson group; Donald J. Smith, master of ceremonies; Phelim Corcoran, chairman; Betty Broecker, director of the N.J. Division of the Deaf, and State Sen. Anthony Scardino Jr., guest of honor. —The Beacon March 20, 1980

by Robert M. Queenan, President
Catholic Deaf Society of the ~~Arch~~diocese
of Paterson, N.J.

State of New Jersey Senator Anthony Scardino, Jr. was the main speaker at the 39th Anniversary Banquet of the Catholic Deaf Society of the Archdiocese of Paterson, N.J. The event was held March 16, 1980 following a mass delivered by Bishop Frank Rodimer of the Diocese of Paterson and attracted nearly 200 people. President Queenan presented check of \$1,000 to Bishop in behalf of Catholic Deaf Society to help thousands of people who have special needs in his diocese. Senator Scardino was the sponsor of legislation in New Jersey that created the New Jersey Division of the Deaf in the State of N.J. Dept. of Labor and Industry. The legislation was signed by N.J. Governor Brendan Byrne in July, 1977.

An additional speaker at the banquet was the first director of the Division of the Deaf, Ms. Betty Broecker, a native of New Jersey. Ms. Broecker is a product of the state's public school system and the N.J. School for the Deaf (now Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf) West Trenton, N.J. Ms. Broecker began her actives with the Division of the Deaf in May, 1978 after extensive experience in private enterprise, public relations, teaching, counseling, and administration.

The Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson for many years has served the needs of deaf citizens in the Paterson area. President of the organization is Robert Queenan of Caldwell, N.J. Other officers are as follows: Director Rev. Joseph Goode of Clifton, N.J., Vice President Neal Scannateco of Englewood N.J., Treasurer Phelim Corcoran of Randolph, N.J., Secretary Don Smith of Fairlawn, N.J.

An additional highlight of the event was the presence of Father Trapasso, the priest in the nationally famous Karen Quinlan case, who was a former moderator of the Catholic Deaf Society for 23 years. Father Trapasso, in his remarks to the group, mentioned his pleasure at seeing Senator Scardino and the staff of the Division of the Deaf gathered together with the members of the Society. He remarked how proud he was of his long association with the Society and said . . . "the deaf will always have a very dear and beautiful place in my heart."

Toastmaster for the banquet was Donald Smith of Fairlawn, N.J., who had been active in lobbying for the legislation creating the Division of the Deaf. Mr. Smith introduced President of the Society Queenan, who remarked how glad he was to have so many distinguished guests such as Senator Scardino, Ms. Broecker, the staff of the Division of the Deaf, and his cousin, Patricia Q. Sheehan, former New Jersey Commission of Community Affairs, who is now executive Director of the Hackensack Meadowlands Development in Northern New Jersey.

Ms. Broecker, in her remarks, urged deaf citizens to unify throughout New Jersey in a coalition to express their joint wishes to New Jersey State Government, which she termed as receptive and supportive of deaf citizens needs. She announced the Division of the Deaf now has 12 hearing impaired staff members and 6 hearing members and introduced them to the banquet attendees.

Senator Scardino, the main speaker of the evening, delivered the first part of his speech in sign. He takes lessons from Mr. & Mrs. Sam La Forte, of Glen Ridge, N.J., long time friends of the

Senator and his family. It was as a result of his friendship with Sam and Nancy La Forte, that Senator Scardino became interested in passage of the legislation establishing the Division of the Deaf.

Senator Scardino said in part "I think you have heard a great deal about unity and standing together for what you think you deserve in life. I think this is just the beginning in the State of N.J. In Ms. Betty Broecker, we have one of the most dynamic and forceful leaders. I remember several years ago when I became involved. People came to my office and talked to me and put across my desk a sample of the Division of the Deaf for the State of N.J. There is still much left to do I have pledged myself to you and the Division to move from this point and make sure that we continue to succeed in developing programs and services for your benefit and your welfare and I know and you know that we are not talking about those services that are handouts, but those services that will give you your rightful place in society."

At the conclusion of the Senator's remarks, he was presented with a plaque from the Catholic Deaf Society for his contributions to the welfare of deaf citizens of N.J. Presenting the plaque was John Carroll of Morristown, N.J., former President of the International Catholic Deaf Association.

Eleanor Murad, of Deaf Advocates, Inc. of N.J. was introduced by Toastmaster Smith. Mr. Smith mentioned how closely together they had worked on the legislation establishing the Division of the Deaf. He termed it a good example of deaf and hearing people working together. Mrs. Murad announced she planned a state-wide convention to which she hoped all deaf people would come.

Additional highlights of the Banquet were "Signed" songs by Ms. Debbie Ennis, a former Miss New Jersey and a closing prayer by Nicholas Konesky, of Yardville, N.J.

1981

Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson Celebrates 40th Anniversary



ANNIVERSARY — Bishop Rodimer uses sign language in meeting with Theresa Leitner and Donald Smith at 40th anniversary celebration of

Catholic Deaf Society, marked by a Mass and dinner at St. Philip, Clifton. Father Joseph Goode is at left. (Beacon photo)



Left to right: Neal Scannepeco, Master of Ceremonies; Donald Smith, President; Judy Bennett, Assistant Administrator of Brookdale Nursing Center; Rev. Joseph Goode, Moderator and Cathy Pirrello, National Anthem.

(Photo by George Gerardi)

Nursing Home Program Prime Topic at CDSP Anniversary Banquet

by Catherine Pirrello,
Chairperson of Nursing Home Committee

The Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson, Inc., celebrated its 41st anniversary on March 21. Festivities began with Mass at St. Gerard's Church in Paterson. The Most Rev. Frank J. Rodimer, Bishop of Paterson, officiated, along with the Rev. Monsignor Gallo and Rev. Joseph Goode, moderator of CDSP. Dinner, immediately following the Mass, was at the Brownstone House in Paterson. Master of ceremonies for the occasion was Neil Scannepeco. Chairperson Marilyn Fields was in California at the time, undergoing a special operation.

Ms. Judy Bennett, Assistant Administrator for Human Services at Brookdale Nursing Center, was speaker for the occasion. Brookdale Nursing Center in Hazlet, New Jersey, was chosen by the CDSP Nursing Home Committee to be the site of its program to supply much needed communication services to deaf patients in nursing homes. Ms. Bennett stated that the people at Brookdale were very excited about the program. She was pleased that CDSP chose her nursing home. She described the facility as being a model for the special program because of its emphasis on "quality of life".

Brookdale Nursing Center is owned by a small corporation with eight nursing homes in Pennsylvania, Maryland and New Jersey. Brookdale is the model home

for the corporation. The center is set up with a competent professional staff, well trained to meet the social and physical needs of its patients. It is in an attractive setting and all rooms overlook either the front lawn area or the patio.

A registered nurse is on duty at all times. Doctors services are also available (6 doctors on call). Professional services available are physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, dentist, foot doctor, psychologist, psychiatrist, and eye doctor (all come to the facility). Other services are available, such as beauty shop, barber shop, and newspaper delivery. Social activities, such as movies, parties, picnics, trips, etc. are carried out seven days a week. They will now include captioned TV, captioned movies, subscription to the Silent News, religious services in sign. The staff is being trained in sign language.

There are about 40 volunteers from the surrounding community that help at the nursing home. Many will also be learning to communicate with deaf patients.

Ms. Bennett distributed literature containing information about Brookdale Nursing Center as well as information on senior citizens in general. She concluded her speech with a question and answer period.

At the conclusion of the Banquet, President Donald Smith presented Ms. Bennett with a floral arrangement prepared for the occasion by Neil Scannepeco's daughter.

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ROBERT QUEENAN

APRIL 22, 1982

Dear Colleague:

The Catholic Deaf Society of the Diocese of Paterson, N.J. Inc., will be having its First Mini-Convention at Sheraton Heights Hotel on November 6, 1982. I am enclosing some materials and am hoping that you will mark your calendar and make your reservations early so that you can share this experience with us.

The tentative program will start off to include a Formal Ribbon Cutting Ceremony by Mayor William Imken of Hasbrouck Heights.

Also starting at 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. a variety of exhibitors will be held in the lobby.

(General) Meeting and election of officers will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Banquet at 7 p.m. followed by a terrific floor show and the Raffle Drawing at 10 p.m. Also A number of important guests invited will be Governor Kean, Father Coughlin, Fr. Brian O'Neil, Bishop Rodimer, Ms. Judy Bennett and others

Registrations and admission to all exhibits and banquet will be \$30.00 per person. All banquet tickets must be purchased before October 11, 1982. There will be no sales of any kind of tickets at door. We hope to see you at this 1st Mini-Convention and Banquet by the Catholic Deaf Society of Paterson for a marvelous occasion you will never forget

Sincerely,

Neal Scannapoco

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CDSP BUS TRIP TO MARK SEVEN OLD FORGE, N.Y. GREAT, MARVELOUS, BEAUTIFUL***

46 DEAF WENT ON THE TRIP TO MARK SEVEN THAT LEFT ST. PHILIP'S PARKING
LOT JUST BEFORE 6 P.M. ON A BEAUTIFUL CHARTER COMFORTABLE BUS(FAIRLAWN
TRANSPORTATION LINES)

OUR CDSP PHOTOGRAPHER, GEORGE GERARDI TOOK THE GROUP PICTURE BEFORE WE
BOARD THE BUS. OUR MODERATOR FR. JOSEPH GOODE BLESSED US ALL INSIDE
THE BUS FOR A SAFE TRIP TO MARK SEVEN. FORMER MODERATOR JOSEPH GALLO
SAW US OFF TOO.

WE RAN INTO HEAVY TRAFFIC ON ROUTE # 80 & 17 SO OUR BUS DRIVER CHANGED
THE ROUTE TO A QUICKER WAY TO GET OUT OF THE TRAFFIC TO THE GARDEN STATE
PARKWAY THEN TO THE NEW YORK THRUWAY STRAIGHT THRU ON A BEAUTIFUL RIDE
AND OUR FIRST STOP WAS AT THE THRU WAY RESTURANT FOR ONE HOUR THEN WE
CLIMBED INTO THE BUS AND ARRIVED AT MARK SEVEN CAMP ABOUT 12:30 A.M.
SATURDAY MORNING. FR. COUGHLIN'S MOTHER GREETED US AND WE ALL SAT DOWN
TO SOME WARM COFFEE AND EVERYONE EXCITEDLY TALKING ABOUT THE TRIP AND
SEEING THE CAMP FOR THE FIRST TIME.

FR. COUGHLIN WAS NOT AT THE CAMP WHEN WE ARRIVED DUE TO ATTENDING A
FUNERAL SERVICE FOR A LONG TIME FRIEND OF HIS IN PITTSBURGH, PENNA.
HE WOULD FLY BACK TO MARK SEVEN TO BE WITH US THE NEXT DAY ON SATURDAY.

AFTER COFFEE WE ALL WENT TO BED AND ARISED THE NEXT DAY TO A BEAUTIFUL
SUNNY DAY TO BREAKFAST. CDSP, VICE* PRESIDENT NEAL SCANNAPCO AND WIFE
NORMA HELPED IN THE KITCHEN TO MAKE BREAKFAST FOR US ALL. THE FOOD WAS
VERY GOOD AND ENJOYED BY ALL.

WE LOOKED AROUND THE CAMP WITH INTEREST THEN WENT BACK ON THE BUS TO
GO TO THE BOATING DOCK FOR A CRUISE AROUND MORE THAN EIGHT LAKES.
PRESIDENT DON SMITH INTERPRETED THE MANY POINTS OF INTEREST FOR THE DEAF
AS THE CAPTAIN OF THE BOAT WAS EXPLAINING IT. IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL FOUR
HOUR RIDE BOTH WAYS. WE PASSED MARK SEVEN AND THE DEAF WORKING AT THE
CAMP WAVED TO US AS WE PASSED BY. ALONG THE LAKES WERE MANY BEAUTIFUL
OLD HOUSES IN DIFFERENT SHAPES, MANY HOTELS, BOATS, CAMPS, BEAUTIFUL
SENERY OF TREES AND THE CHANGING FALL COLOR OF THE LEAVES.

AFTER THE BOAT TRIP AND THE BUYING OF MANY SOUVENIORS WE WENT BACK TO
MARK SEVEN FOR LUNCH AND REST. LATER IN THE LATE AFTERNOON, FR COUGHLIN
ARRIVED IN TIME FOR MASS. THE MASS WAS HELD OFF THE DINNING ROOM AND
IT IS A LARGE ROOM WITH LARGE PICTURE GLASS WINDOWS TO SEE OUT TO A
SCENERY OF MANY TREES LIKE A VERY LARGE FOREST. OF COURSE FR. TOM
COUGHLIN HAD A HARD TIME SAYING MASS DUE TO HIS PET DOG CHEVERLY
JUMPING UP AND DOWN ON HIM WHILE HE WAS TRYING TO SAY THE MASS FOR US.
IT WAS A LITTLE FUNNY AS THE DOG WAS SO CUTE AND HE LAID DOWN UNDER
THE ALTAR TABLE WITH THE ALTAR CLOTH HANGING ON THE DOGS HEAD AS IF
IT WAS A NUN..... ALL OF US DEAF WERE TRYING HARD NOT TO LAUGH BUT
COULDNT HELP IT....

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AFTER MASS SUPER WAS SERVED THEN WE WATCHED CAPTIONED FILM ON A RELIGIOUS MOVIE WHICH WAS VERY GOOD CALLED LADY OF FATIMA.....

BY THE WAY OUR BUS DRIVER ENJOYED ALL THIS WITH US ALSO.....

THE NEXT MORNING, SUNDAY AFTER BREAKFAST FR COUGHLIN INVITED US TO VISIT THE WINE CELLAR AT THE CAMP AS THIS CAMP WAS ONCE A RESTURANT & BAR FOR MANY DIFFERENTAGES OF WINES. WE HAD WINE AT SUPPERTIME SATURDAY NITE FROM THE WINE CELLAR. IT WAS VERY INTERLSTING TO SEE WHERE THEY STORED THE WINES IN THE CELLAR IN THE MANY FANCY RACKS THAT ARE CALLED WINE RACKS.

MARK SEVEN IS TRULY A BEAUTIFUL CAMP OF NINE ACRES. THEY HAVE SIXTY BEDROOMS, LARGE DINNING ROOM, LARGE ROOM FOR MASS, LARGE LIVING ROOM WITH FIRE PLACE, ANOTHER LARGE ROOM FOR CAPTIONED FILM, TENNIS COURT, THEIR OWN MOTOR BOAT & DOCK,SEVERAL STORGE ROOMS, ETC..... FOR \$75,000 THEY WERE VERY LUCKY TO GET THIS CAMP AT REASONABLE COST.....

FR. TOM EXPLAINED AT MASS SATURDAY THAT ONE DEAF GIRL TOLD HIM ABOUT MARK SEVEN CAMP ONCE CALLED MOHAWK INN COUNTRY CLUB WAS FOR SALE AS THEY BOTH WERE DRIVING AROUND LOOKING FOR A DEAF CAMP. THIS GIRL SAID FR. TOM YOU MUST SEE THIS MOHAWK INN NOW BUT REALLY FR. TOM THOUGHT, OH ITS LITTLE OUT OF OUR WAY BUT THE GIRL WAS BEING VERY STUBBORN TO INSIST THAT FR TOM SEE IT. WHEN THEY ARRIVED FR TOM CCULD NOT BELIEVE HIS EYES WHEN HE SAW THIS CAMP AND WHILE LOOKING AROUND HE SAW THE LORD'S PICTURE IN A SINK AS IF IT WAS TELLING HIM SOMETHING FROM GOD TO BUY THIS CAMP. SO HE GOT IN TOUCH RIGHT AWAY WITH THE REAL ESTATE TO BUY THE CAMP IMEDIATELY. THE FORMER OWNER STILL LIVES ON THE CAMP IN A SMALL HOUSE AND PROMISED FR TOM HE MAY PURCHASE THE REST OF THE PROPERTY IF HE SHOULD PASS AWAY. PERHAPS THE FORMER OWNER MAY DONATE IT TO MARK SEVEN.....

THE LAKE IS VERY CLEAR WATER AND GOOD FOR SWIMMING AND THE DEAF YOUTH & ADULT DEAF ALONG WITH INTERESTED HEARING WORKING WITH THE DEAF WILL HAVE MANY MORE YEARS OF ENJOYMENT FROM THIS CAMP. AS FR TOM HAS SAID BEFORE THAT THIS CAMP BELONGS TO YOU ALL THE DEAF OF AMERICA. IT IS YOUR CAMP..... THEREFORE THAT MEANS IT IS UP TO ALL OF US TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THIS CAMP BY OUR DONATIONS AND OUR HELPING HANDS.... IT WILL BE WORTH OUR EFFORTS FOR A LIFETIME TO KEEP IT GOING FOREVER.....

WE ALL JUST LOVE IT AND HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS ALREADY TO COME BACK TO MARK SEVEN NEXT AUGUST 1983... MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS AHEAD OF TIME....

AFTER A DELIOUS SUPPER WE BOARDED THE BUS FOR THE TRIP BACK HOME SADLY LEAVING MARK SEVEN BUT WE SHALL RETURN NEXT YEAR. WE WANT TO THANK FR. TOM, HIS STAFF, HIS MOTHER FOR A WONDERFUL ENJOYABLE TIME AT MARK SEVEN AND TO THANK OUR CHAIRPERSON ROBERT QUEENAN WHOM PLANNED THIS TRIP SUCCESSFULLY..... MANY OF YOU WHOM HAD NOT MADE THIS TRIP, WE ADVISE YOU TO NOT MISS IT NEXT YEAR. EVERYONE ENJOYED THEMSELVES AND LAUGHING ALL THE WAY HOME ON THE BUS AND LAST WE STOPPED AT THE HOWARD JOHNSTONS RESTURANT FOR SUPPER BEFORE ARRIVING HOME 9:30 P.M. SUNDAY NITE, TIRED BUT HAPPY FROM A SATISFIED AND GOOD TRIP SAFELY BLESSED BY FR TOM COUGHLIN BEFORE WE LEFT MARK SEVEN... SEE YOU THERE NEXT YEAR.....

CDSP MASSES & GENERAL MEETINGS

ALL MASSES & GENERAL MTGS WILL BE HELD FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR IN ST. PHILIP'S AUDITORIUM... FOOD WILL BE SERVED THERE, TOO...



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Fr. Brian O'Neill, Director

Joann Burns, Assistant

August 25,

Dear Bob,

Good day! Thanks for coming down on Sunday, Aug 22nd for mass and to share yourself with our community. Glad we could talk so we could settle a few points for the Workshop and not mini-Convention.

Thinking about what you asked me to do I will speak on:

"The Catholic Church Christian Education and the Deaf Community"

If I could have 1hr 1/2 for the presentation which will include questions, it should be adequate.

Have a good day!

Peace & Smiles
Fr. Brian O'Neill

Enclosed is the name
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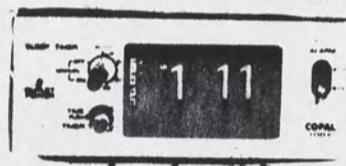
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MAY 7, 1983

• **Wilhelmina Lawlor, teacher**

PATERSON — Wilhelmina Lawlor died Thursday at the White Beach Nursing Home after a long illness.

Born in Paterson, she resided there until moving to Clifton 30 years ago. A graduate of New York University, she taught school in Paterson for 46 years prior to her retirement. Lawlor was a member of the St. Agnes and Rosary-Altar Society; a 54-year member of the St. Joseph Hospital & Medical Center Ladies Auxiliary; member of the Court Columbia No. 297; Catholic Daughters of America; a charter member of the Bayley Seton League of South Orange; a golden jubilaria of the Third Order of St Francis; member of the the Catholic Deaf Society; a member of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine where she taught religion for 61 years.

Sponsored by the Paterson Circle of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae, she organized and conducted a program of Religious Vacation Schools. She also served as literary chairman for the Paterson Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and Court Columbia for many years during which time many books and publications were provided to Diocesan homes, public libraries, the Passaic County Jail, hospitals, nursing homes and other institutions.

A charter member of the Mount Carmel Guild, she served as president of that organization for eight years. She was honored by Pope Pius XII and awarded the "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" medal for "eminent service to the church and the holy see."

Lawlor received a testimonial from President Hoover and the United States Food Administration in recognition of her work as a food reporter during World War I. In 1943 she was appointed by the State Commissioner of Labor to a seven member committee on child labor.

The late Rev. Msgr. William F. Lawlor, Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Newark, was her brother.

She is survived by a niece, Mrs. James P. (Regina) Barton Jr. of Paterson, and three nephews, Rev. William Lawlor, Pastor Emeritus, Our Lady of the Lake Church, Mount Arlington, James J. of Glen Rock and Frank X of Paterson.

Arrangements are by McNerney-Burnadz Funeral Home, 371 Lakeview Ave., Clifton.



MASS IN SIGN — Bishop Rodimer watches as Mrs. John D. Carroll speaks in sign language after annual Mass for the Catholic Deaf Society at St. Gerard Church, Paterson. Others joining in the celebration were (from left) Mr. Carroll, John Di Orio, Father Tom Coughlin, S.T., of Silver Spring, Md., first deaf priest ordained in the U.S.; Father Joseph J. Goode, moderator of the diocesan society, and Mrs. Norma Scannapoco. (Beacon photo)

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Challenge of Deaf Athletes' on June 28 to
July 1, 1984 at Waterville Valley. Need
more information? Call Ken Klein, (201)
265-0320.

Robert Queenan went to Rome with
his relatives. At the Vatican he was fort-
unate enough to see Pope John Paul
celebrate the Mass.

Beth Karp of Ocean, NJ bought a new
car Citation with "red interior."

Marge Toth of Somerest, NJ went to
Florida to see her children on her one
week vacation.

Southern California